



# *Maryland Senior Citizens Action Network*

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## **Testimony in Support with Amendment of SB797 Task Force on Preventing and Countering Elder Abuse**

### **Judicial Proceedings Committee February 23, 2023**

The Maryland Senior Citizens Action Network (MSCAN) is a statewide coalition of advocacy groups, service providers, faith-based and mission-driven organizations that supports policies that meet the housing, health and quality of care needs of Maryland's low and moderate-income seniors.

**MSCAN supports with amendment SB797** which would create a Task Force on Preventing and Countering Elder Abuse.

**According to the National Council on Aging, 1 in 10 adults aged 60 and older are being abuse, and this number is likely under reported.** We need a collaborative approach with area professionals throughout the state and with different areas of expertise. SB797 seeks to do this by bringing together all different types of governmental and nongovernmental entities that help older adults.

MSCAN would like to add an additional member to the task for to be more inclusive of diverse populations of older adults. **Therefore, we ask the committee to include an organization from rural Maryland.**

**For the reasons stated above, MSCAN urges a favorable report with amendment on SB797.**

Thank you for your consideration.