Board of Directors Leisure World Community Corporation 3701 Rossmoor Boulevard Silver Spring, MD 20906

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Hon. Marc Korman, chair and Members Environment and Transportation Committee Maryland House of Delegates Annapolis, MD Re: HB 1517 - Amend.

Sent by email to: MGA website

Dear Chairman Korman and Members:

I am authorized by the LWCC of Leisure World of Maryland to ask your consideration of an important amendment to House Bill 1517, Common Ownership Communities – Annual Registration with Department of Housing and Community Development – Requirements. If our amendment cannot be considered favorably, then we oppose this bill.

This bill fails to make an exception for counties that already have a registration program for common ownership communities (COC), such as in Montgomery County. As a result, Montgomery County COC's will have to provide registration information to both the county and state, and pay two fees. An amendment is needed to provide an exception for COC's in counties that already have a registration program, and to require those counties to provide COC registration information to the state—should the bill be enacted.

Leisure World is an age-restricted senior community consisting of 5,600 housing units with approximately 8,000 residents in 29 communities, which we call mutuals, including condominiums, a homeowners association and a housing cooperative.

Sincerely,

Patricia Hempstead, chair LWCC Board of Directors

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