

## House Bill 1276 Income Tax – Credit for Long Term Care Premiums House Ways & Means Committee Position: Favorable

Dear Chair Atterbeary and Members of the House Ways & Means Committee,

NAIFA-MD ("The National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors – Maryland Chapter") appreciates the opportunity to submit written testimony on HB 1276. NAIFA-MD is made up of insurance agents and advisors, financial advisors and financial planners, investment advisors, broker/dealers, multiline agents, health insurance and employee benefits specialists, and more. We are the closest to the consumer and provide products, services, and guidance that increase financial literacy in our society, protect their clients against life's inherent risks, help hard-working Americans prepare for retirement, and create financial security and prosperity so their clients can leave a legacy for future generations.

NAIFA-MD supports this legislation as it provides more assistance over time for individuals who have purchased these very important long-term care policies. Anything that helps people with this vital coverage is a good thing. We hope that the changes made to last year's proposal make it palatable from a fiscal standpoint to allow for some relief to people who have done the responsible thing by purchasing such coverage.

Sincerely,

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