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Bill Number: **SB 488**

Bill Title: Continuing Care in a Retirement Community Providers - Governing Membership (Sue Hecht Continuing Care Retirement Community Transparency Act)

Committee: House Health Committee

MDOA Position: INFORMATION

The Maryland Department of Aging (MDOA) respectfully submits this letter of information on Senate Bill (SB) 488 - Health - Continuing Care in a Retirement Community Providers - Governing Bodies - Membership (Sue Hecht Continuing Care Retirement Community Transparency Act).

The Maryland Department of Aging (MDOA) serves as Maryland's State Unit of Aging, administering federal funding for core programs, overseeing the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) network at the local level that provides services, and planning for Maryland's older adult population. MDOA certifies and monitors continuing care providers under Title 10, Subtitle 4, of the Human Services Article. MDOA's role has historically focused on consumer protection through mandated disclosures and compliance with extensive financial and operational provisions written in statute and regulation, while avoiding direct involvement in provider financial management and governance. MDOA strongly supports transparency, fiscal responsibility, and meaningful resident engagement in continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs).

However, SB 488 and its cross-file, HB 424 as drafted, would impose significant new operational, fiscal, legal responsibility on MDOA and concerns. MDOA understands the sponsor is open to potential amendments to address these concerns and is continuing to engage directly on those. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Nunez, Legislative Director, at andrea.nunez@maryland.gov or (443) 414-8183.