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TESTIMONY ON SB0488 – POSITION: FAVORABLE

TO: Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and members of the Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Edward Knight

I am writing as a resident of a Continuing Care Retirement Community in Frederick County, Maryland to urge you to support SB 488, which is currently before the Senate Finance Committee. This issue is important to me because extreme and secretive actions taken by our CCRC parent corporation within the last two years blindsided us residents, leaving us quite concerned. The “powers that be” thoroughly transformed the community from the branding to the corporate charter without informing us residents ahead of time. My husband and I had moved there with the sense that the CCRC was affirming of LGBTQ+ people, due to its historic connection to the UCC. However, the CEO and Trustees cut ties with the UCC and seem to have taken the community in a non-affirming direction. As an LGBTQ resident planning to spend my remaining years here, this is quite disturbing to me and makes me feel vulnerable. It is clear to me that CCRCs in Maryland need more regulation around transparency.

I respectfully ask that you give the bill a favorable report.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.