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TO: Senate Finance Committee
FROM: LeadingAge Maryland
SUBJECT: Senate Bill 123, Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities - Membership
DATE: January 27, 2026
POSITION: Favorable with Amendment

LeadingAge Maryland supports with amendment Senate Bill 123, Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities – Membership.

LeadingAge Maryland is a community of more than 150 not-for-profit aging services organizations serving residents and clients through continuing care retirement communities, affordable senior housing, assisted living, nursing homes and home and community-based services. Members of LeadingAge Maryland provide health care, housing, and services to more than 20,000 older persons each year. Our mission is to be the trusted voice for aging in Maryland, and our vision is that Maryland is a state where older adults have access to the services they need, when they need them, in the place they call home.

Senate Bill 123 reduces the number of representatives from the House Health and Government Operations Committee from two to one. The bill maintains the existing membership structure, which includes representatives from various state agencies, consumer advocacy groups, and industry organizations.

The Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities addresses important issues for older adults. The Oversight Committee would greatly benefit from the expertise and perspective of LeadingAge Maryland, a prominent organization representing not-for-profit aging services providers in the state. LeadingAge Maryland's members are committed to delivering high-quality care and services to older adults, and their involvement in the Oversight Committee would be invaluable in shaping policies that promote excellence in care.

LeadingAge Maryland respectfully proposes an amendment to add a representative from LeadingAge Maryland to the Oversight Committee. This addition would further strengthen the

committee's ability to address the unique needs and challenges of not-for-profit aging services providers, ultimately benefiting the residents and families they serve.

Amendment: On page 3, line 13, strike “and”; on line 14, add “ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF LEADINGAGE MARYLAND; AND”

For these reasons, LeadingAge Maryland respectfully requests a favorable report with amendment for Senate Bill 123.