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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

House Bill 811- Aging-in-Place Programs - Grants - Multigenerational Third Places (Village Multigenerational Third Places Act)

Health Committee
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SUPPORT

Background: House Bill 811 expands the definition of allowable grants by the Department of Aging for an aging in place grant program which was established in 2019 as the NANA ACT. The new definition allows for grants to support social connection for individuals in aging-in-place programs through events or gatherings at “multigenerational third places.” The bill also codifies the authorization for any nonprofit organization or AAA to apply to MDOA for a State grant to be applied toward operational costs, including administrative costs or short-term or long-term leases or rental costs, for a senior village to provide access to multigenerational third places.

Written Comments: By 2035 one in three U.S. households will be headed by someone 65 or older. Maryland’s need for aging-in-place services will grow exponentially in just the next few years. The Baltimore Jewish Council represents The Associated Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore and all of its agencies, including Jewish Community Services (JCS) and Comprehensive Housing Assistance Inc. (CHAI). They are just two of the many organizations that this bill could help to expand the capacity of services to Maryland’s rapidly aging population. When seniors have the freedom and support to age-in-place, they can live comfortable and dignified lives – a benefit to themselves, their families and their communities. HB811 would allow seniors in all parts of the state to have access to quality aging in place services.

With this in mind, the Baltimore Jewish Council urges a favorable report on HB811.

The Baltimore Jewish Council, a coalition of central Maryland Jewish organizations and congregations, advocates at all levels of government, on a variety of social welfare, economic and religious concerns, to protect and promote the interests of The Associated Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore, its agencies and the Greater Baltimore Jewish community.