



COMMISSION ON AGING

January 26, 2026

Finance Committee
Chair, Senator Pamela Beidle
Vice Chair, Senator Antonio Hayes
Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

SB 0113 SUPPORT

Dear Chair Beidle and Vice Chair Hayes:

We are writing on behalf of the Montgomery County Commission on Aging (CoA) in strong support of **SB 113 Human Services - Department of Aging and Commission on Aging (The Longevity Ready Maryland Act)**. This bill will require the Secretary of Aging to implement the Longevity Ready Maryland Plan (LRMP), a transformative multisector plan to prepare for and support the State's growing population of older adults. To enable the Plan's implementation, SB 113 also requires changes to the duties of the Secretary, continuing evolution of the Longevity Ready Maryland Plan, and that the Department of Aging staff the Commission on Aging.

The Montgomery County Commission on Aging is authorized by the Older Americans Act, P.L. 116-131, and was established by Montgomery County in 1974 to advise the county government on the needs, interests, and issues of older adult residents, and to advocate on their behalf at the local, state, and national levels. The Commission identifies issues where its voice on the needs of older adults can make a difference.

Holistic, multisector planning is urgently needed. Montgomery County and the State of Maryland face a significant demographic shift. In Montgomery County, residents aged 60 and older already comprise [more than 20% of our population](#). This number is projected to surpass **25% by 2030**.

The implementation of the **Longevity Ready Maryland (LRM)** plan directly mirrors and strengthens the [10 domains of Age Friendly Montgomery County](#). Specifically, LRM's **four "Epic Goals"** align with our local priorities. Swift implementation of the LRM plan will:

- Enable the construction of a Longevity Ecosystem and support Montgomery County's vision of a "Community for a Lifetime" by breaking down silos between government agencies and community partners.

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- Promote Economic Opportunity and foster an age-inclusive workforce that supports caregivers.
- Prepare Residents to Afford Longevity and bolster our work in Housing and Home-Based Services to ensure older adults can age in place with financial security.
- Optimize Health, Wellness, and Mobility through investments in mobility infrastructures and public health.

Implementation of LRM through SB 113 will ensure that Maryland's aging infrastructure is as resilient and innovative as the residents it serves. The Montgomery County Commission on Aging strongly urges a **favorable report** on SB 113.

Sincerely,
Linda Bergofsky and Wayne Berman, Co-Chairs
Montgomery County Commission on Aging

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