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**Testimony of Delegate Ken Kerr**

**HB 424 - Continuing Care in a Retirement Community  
Providers – Governing Bodies –Membership**

The state of Maryland is home to more than 18,000 older adults who are living in Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs) As of 2023 the state features 38 operating or approved CCRCs and 3 Continuing Care at Home (CCAH) providers, which collectively offer 16,000 units comprising independent living, assisted living, and nursing care. In fact, the design and structure of CCRCs allow seniors to move from independent living to assisted living to dependent care. CCRCs make it possible for residents (referred to as subscribers in the bill) to age in place and receive appropriate care as their needs change.

HB 424 seeks to provide CCRC residents (or subscribers) with the means to participate in the process of decision-making on CCRC Boards (called providers in this bill). HB 424 requires that CCRC providers authorize a residents association to select regular and alternate subscriber members to sit on the Board or governing body of the CCRC. Should a CCRC provider manage more than one CCRC, the subscriber representative will be selected from among the residents at the facility with the largest number of subscribers.

**Regular or alternate members selected in accordance with this requirement are not required to meet specific general written standards or criteria used to select other members of the provider/governing body, including any requirements to adhere to a particular religious faith or principle.**

**Finally, the bill requires that the By-laws of any CRC be available to the subscriber residents of that facility so that residents and their families are fully apprised of decisions being made by the Board/Governing body.**