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**TESTIMONY ON HB#0424 POSITION: FAVORABLE**

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

**TO:** Chair Bagnall, Vice Chair Cullison, and members of the Health Committee

**FROM:** Richard Keith Kaplowitz

My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#/0424, **Continuing Care in a Retirement Community Providers - Governing Bodies - Membership**

During my late son's hospitalization in different continuing care facilities he frequently expressed frustration that his and his fellow residents' concerns and suggestions were being ignored by management.

This bill will increase the voices being heard in governance of these communities by altering a certain requirement pertaining to the number of regular and alternate members selected to be on the governing body of a continuing care in a retirement community provider; authorizing a resident association, rather than a governing body, to select regular and alternate subscriber members of a governing body; and repealing a requirement that a subscriber member be selected according to certain standards and criteria.

This bill will let residents determine who should be their voice in the governing body instead of that body deciding who will be that voice.

**I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB#/0424.**