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Bill Number: SB 113

Bill Title: Human Services – Department of Aging and Commission on Aging - The Longevity Ready Maryland Act

Committee: House Health Committee

MDOA Position: FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

Madam Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members of the House Health Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this favorable with amendments testimony on behalf of the Maryland Department of Aging for Senate Bill (SB) 113 - Human Services - Department of Aging and Commission on Aging - The Longevity Ready Maryland Act.

The Longevity Ready Maryland Act represents the state’s most comprehensive and strategic response to the state’s population growing older — moving Maryland from a program-specific orientation of the last century, to one of forward-looking vision and advocacy, in partnership with sister agencies in state government and other key stakeholders, on all issues that impact older Marylanders. It codifies a whole-of-government, broad, longevity-focused approach to the Department of Aging’s work permanently. SB113 would make MDOA permanently accountable and transparent for continued progress, with annual reports, a public implementation tracking resource, and comprehensive updates to the Longevity Ready Maryland Plan every four years. SB113 thoughtfully expands the Commission on Aging’s membership and role to reflect the Longevity Ready Maryland Plan’s multisector mission. These enhancements will ensure that the Commission is diverse and representative, empowered, and more explicitly charged with advising the Department on Aging on guiding Maryland through the next several decades of demographic change. New members of the Commission will include three Area Agencies on Aging, ensuring that the local level has a strong voice, as well as new expertise from a military veteran and consumer protection expert.



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The LRM Act does not end or reduce any of MDOA's current work or grant making. There still are no funding mandates within this legislation or the LRM Plan itself. SB 113 can be adopted with no new cost to the state.

MDOA thanks this Committee for its adoption of earlier sponsor amendments requested by MDOA following agreement with key stakeholders, primarily the Maryland Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

At this time, MDOA requests the adoption of the Health Committee's final technical amendment, which was drafted by Committee staff and is included below. This amendment simply conforms SB 113 to the House version of the bill, HB 278.

SB 113 represents more than legislative housekeeping — it is a strategic investment in Maryland's future. By codifying the **Longevity Ready Maryland** Plan and strengthening the **Maryland Commission on Aging**, the General Assembly can ensure that our state leads with innovation, inclusivity, and economic resilience as our population continues to age.

For these reasons, the Maryland Department of Aging urges a **favorable with amendments report** on **SB 113**. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Nunez, Legislative Director, at andrea.nunez@maryland.gov or (443) 414-8183.

Sincerely,

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Amendments to SB 113

On page 4, in line 33, after “**PLAN;**” insert “**AND**”.

On page 5, strike beginning with “; **AND**” in line 3 down through “**ENTITIES**” in line 5.