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The Honorable Delegate Heather Bagnall
241 Taylor House Office Building
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RE: Support for HB 424 Continuing Care in a Retirement Community Providers-Governing
Bodies-Membership

Dear Chair Bagnall,

My name is Joyce A Smith and I am writing to you because you are the Chair of the Health Committee. My Delegates, Kerr, Fair, and Simpson, have introduced this bill on behalf of their constituents who reside in Continuing Care Residential Communities(CCRCs). This bill will benefit not only residents in their district, but persons who reside in these communities across Maryland by giving them a voice in how their communities operate and how decisions about their communities operate and how decisions about their living conditions will be made.

I reside in a CCRC in Frederick County, and because we did not have a "place at the table", our governing body was able to make radical changes to the nature of our community without our knowledge or consent. Their "re branding" changed our formerly peaceful and inclusive community into a place of much discord and division. Had we had a place in the decision-making process, this might have been averted. This is a priority for me and many other CCRC residents in all districts.

Would you please give this bill a favorable vote?

Thank you for your time, leadership, and service chairing this important committee.

Thank you,



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