

I am advocating that the General Assembly adopt a bill primarily to address a problem confronted by our CCRC, Carroll Lutheran Village. The bills are known as Senate Bill 488 and the House version is House Bill 424.

The essential problem we are trying to address with this bill is not a complicated issue, as the opponents would have you believe.

Rather, it is simply a case of Lutheran Social Ministries of Maryland seeking to set up & operate Carroll Lutheran Village in Maryland in such a way as to insulate itself from the requirements of Maryland's continuing care laws. It does this by creating a subsidiary corporation to serve as the nominal provider, LSMMD, while reserving all authority to control the governance of CLV for itself. Therefore, the right of the residents to have a representative on the governing body of the provider is rendered meaningless since the provider does not have the ultimate power to govern the CCRC.

Thank you for your attention to the bill and for giving us the opportunity to support the bill at the hearings, and to focus on the essential issue.

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