

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Diane and Steven Fishman <fishmansd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 14, 2022 12:40 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB52-2022

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We would like to express our support for CB52-2022 extending the real estate tax break beyond 5 years for the elderly who have been in their homes for an extended period of time. After 5 years, we have still not moved, and the sudden increase of taxes this year as the break expired for us was a nasty shock. A five year limit never made much sense, and we are grateful for your efforts to set this problem right.

Diane and Steven Fishman  
9233 Sealed Message Rd.  
Columbia, Md. 21045

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**From:** Jung, Deb  
**Sent:** Friday, September 9, 2022 10:23 AM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Aging in place tax credit

-----Original Message-----

From: Sadj Bartolo <trisadj@aol.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 6:33 PM  
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>  
Subject: Aging in place tax credit

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Would you please bring me up to date about the status of extending the Aging in Place tax credit?

Many thanks,  
Sadj Bartolo  
9570 Longlook Lane  
21045  
443-878-6939

Sent from my iPhone

Ann H. Jones  
2921 Greenway Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21042  
annholmesjones@gmail.com

RE: Support of Council Bill 52-2022

Dear Council Members,

I am writing in strong support of Council Bill 53-2002. I will be unable to attend the council hearing due to a prior commitment.

My brother and sister-in-law have owned their home in Western Howard County since 1966. They had been receiving the Senior Property Tax credit the past 5 years. This past year my brother passed away, and my sister-in-law was surprised to learn that she is no longer eligible to receive the credit because they had been receiving it for the past 5 years. She hopes to stay in her home, but ever-increasing property taxes make it more difficult for her to maintain the independence she cherishes.

It is counter-intuitive to assume that now that she is 5 years older and has lived in the house 5 more years (56 years total now) she is no longer eligible for the tax credit. Making the tax credit permanent would help to ensure that she can stay in her home.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ann H. Jones

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**From:** Williams, China  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 6, 2022 9:59 AM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Support bill CB52-2022

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**From:** Donald DeShetler <d\_deshetler@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Monday, September 5, 2022 2:13 PM

**To:** Chen, Joanna <jchen@howardcountymd.gov>; Pruum, Kimberly <kpruum@howardcountymd.gov>; Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Alston, Ashley <aalston@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Blum, Matthew <mblum@howardcountymd.gov>; Williams, China <ccwilliams@howardcountymd.gov>; dyungman@howardcountymd.gov; Ball, Calvin <cball@howardcountymd.gov>

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As a 20 year military widow it has been challenging to maintain and support a house in Howard County, especially now with rapid inflation everywhere as well as the tax bill itself increasing. I would like to continue to live in Howard County and your assistance in supporting this bill to eliminate the sunset clause of the Aging In Place Tax Credit would help make this possible.

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** Walsh, Elizabeth  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 6, 2022 9:44 AM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
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Testimony for CB52-2022.

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**Sent:** Monday, September 5, 2022 3:21 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** Fw: Support bill CB52-2022

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**From:** Jung, Deb  
**Sent:** Friday, September 2, 2022 11:00 AM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: CB52

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**From:** Jeanne Dell'Acqua <jdellacqua@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 5:24 PM  
**To:** Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Ball, Calvin <cball@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** CB52

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Dear Councilperson Jung,

As one of the seniors who has benefited from the aging in place tax credit I am elated that CB52 will be filed in a few days. I thank you for the work you are doing to make Howard County a great place to live.

As I requested I am confident that a clause can be added to the bill to provide a retroactive credit or other provision to cover those of us who did not receive the credit July 2022 due five year limit provision being eliminated by the state too late for the Howard County Council to pass legislation to eliminate the sunset provision for July 2022. I would appreciate your support and response to my request.

Jeanne Dell'Acqua  
410-997-9126

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**From:** Angie Boyter <angie.boyter@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 26, 2022 11:16 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB52-2022 Senior Property Tax Credit

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Council Members,

I was extremely pleased to see this bill introduced to improve the existing tax credit for senior property owners.

As you have heard before, we are one of the most expensive places in the country for retired people to live. This causes 2 problems for older residents. Poorer seniors move to less expensive places because they cannot afford to stay, and more affluent seniors move simply because they add up how much cheaper it would be to live elsewhere. Such moves break bonds many of the seniors have enjoyed their entire lives at a time in life when such bonds are most important. .

It is also a problem for the county's coffers. No matter whether we are talking about the lower-income seniors or the affluent ones, senior property owners are a profit center for the county. The services provided to seniors in no way balance the expensive education services seniors do not use. We should want to retain them. When they move out, chances are a family with children who will need education will probably move in.

The current property tax credit provides relief and can help the older residents decide to stay in their communities, but if the credit runs out they will no longer have that rationale, so it may merely delay their move. It should be permanent.

This credit is a win-win. The seniors get reduced taxes, and the younger residents benefit because of the contribution the seniors make towards the education of their children.

Thank you in advance for supporting this bill, which I hope will pass unanimously, and special thanks to Deb Jung for sponsoring it.

Angie Boyter

Ellicott City