

CB52-2022

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** David Glaser <David@vogelglaser.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 9:41 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB52-2022

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I have lived in District 4 for 40 years and I support this bill extending tax relief for seniors.

(He/Him)

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**From:** S VanWey <svanwey444@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2022 7:49 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB52-2022

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We strongly support CB52-2022 submitted by Councilwoman Deb Yung.

Regards,

Suzanne and Ralph VanWey

**SEPTEMBER 19,2022**

**STATEMENT SUPPORTING CB 52-2022**

**LOUIS (RUSTY ) TOLER**

**7421 SWAN POINT WAY ,COLUMBIA 21045**

TO: THE HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL

I fully support the provisions of CB52-2022 and compliment Councilperson Deb Jung for introducing this legislation. It's "common sense" and a meaningful enhancement of value to Older Adults, their families and the County as well.

My understanding is that it is limited to those fortunate (and maybe sensible) enough to have lived in the same residence for 35 years. While more of us will meet the 35 year residency requirement, this will be as the song goes "a long time coming" . I've been a County homeowner since 1981, but won't meet the 35 year residency in my current home until 2039 at age 89. And since I intend to stay there, I will not reveal my spouses age at that time.

But I'm not suggesting delaying or amending CB 52, just that it has a limited impact-all the more reason to lift the 5 year cap to continue to receive the Credit. It is also worth noting the likelihood that many of those qualifying will be "Solo Agers" -most likely women with more limited resources. It may be that the 35 year rule should be modified further. Options should be studied in the County's Age Friendly initiative.

In the meantime , the County should begin a proactive outreach to seniors who have qualified for the Income based Senior Tax Credit (or the Aging in Place Property Tax Credit) so they will know the "ins and outs" of continuing to live where they are and can make modifications for the very real possibility of receiving long term care at home .

The County should provide in home evaluations for these residents . This should include:

- Conducting or Facilitating An Age Friendly Home Safety / Home Risk Assessment to assure that their homes are as safe as possible for daily living. This would include a Universal Design /Visitability Assessment based on the Universal Design Guidelines for Age Restricted Adult Housing in Howard County.
- Encouraging/Facilitating a documented "Aging in Place" Plan (Full Independence) and a Plan B (What When- Not If -Health/Mobility Changes) . This should Estate Planning, POAs, and Advance Care Directive(s) developed with family and professional guidance.

- Conducting or Facilitating Technology Assessment and Assistance. Affordable internet and WIFI access county wide fosters communications, services and the use of Telehealth. Technology will help provide for long term care at home and lessen the burden on family caregivers .
- Conducting or Facilitating Energy Efficiency Assessments and Assistance. Homes occupied by older adults qualifying for the credit are decades old (at least 35 years), and many are energy inefficient and unhealthy –e.g., mold in the HVAC units and clogged ducts. This drives up utility costs and has adverse health consequences as many older adults keep home temperatures abnormally high or low.
- These assessments would bring a great return on the investment needed to maintain the safety, health and well-being of our older adults. It will also reduce the burden on caregivers, other County services and health providers . A “Win-Win”.

Democracy requires participation. That’s my take on CB 52-2022 and the opportunity it offers.

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**From:** Rusty Toler <rusty.toler@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2022 1:58 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support of CB 52-2022  
**Attachments:** CB 52-2022 Support- Toler statement.docx

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Dear Council Members,

Please see attached testimony in support of CB52-2022 . I also suggest some related actions.

I am not able to present virtually or in person tonight .

This is personal -not connected to Social security Works-a national organization.

I appreciate all the hard work and countless hours each of you devote to serving Howard County.

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**From:** Jung, Deb  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2022 1:56 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: HCAR Support Letter on CB52-2022

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**From:** Blair Inniss (via Google Docs) <blair.inniss@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2022 9:12 AM  
**To:** Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Cc:** Williams, China <ccwilliams@howardcountymd.gov>; Blum, Matthew <mblum@howardcountymd.gov>  
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September 19, 2022  
The Honorable Deb Jung  
Howard County Council  
George Howard Building  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

RE: CB52-2022, amending the criteria for a property tax credit for seniors and retired military personnel

Dear Councilmember Jung,

On behalf of the Howard County Association of REALTORS® (HCAR), an organization representing over 2,200 real estate professionals, we are writing to you today. According to the AARP, between 2006-2030, the 65+ population is expected to nearly double and a [2021 survey](#) revealed that the number of seniors in Howard County is on the rise — a number that has been consistent for more than a decade. Removing the five-year limit on the property tax credit will go far to support a population that is looking to continue to live in and contribute to Howard County.

HCAR thanks you for taking this step to support an increasingly growing segment of the population and asks for your support.

Sincerely,

Sarah Anderson, President

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**From:** Eileen Skidmore <outlook\_2798CB577F2EE11C@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2022 1:39 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB52: Aging-in-Place Tax Credit Extension

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9-19-2022

Dear Howard County Council:

I am writing in support of CB52: Aging-in-Place Tax Credit Extension. I respectfully ask that you vote to pass CB52 as noted above.

My late husband and I moved to Howard County in 1977. We moved from our townhouse to a single family house in 1987 and raised our children here. I have continued to live in the house since his passing in 2003. The County is a great place to live and I hope to live out my years here.

I will be applying for the Aging-in-Place Tax Credit in FY2024. Needless to say I was very happy that the law changed the number of years living in the same house from 40 to 35 (as I do not qualify for other tax credits). The five-year limit on the tax credit (as it currently stands) will cause a financial burden to seniors once the five year cap is reached. Property taxes will continue to increase, but retirees fixed incomes will not be able to support these increases. Removing the five-year limit would certainly assist me to remain in Howard County, as well as other qualified seniors who have supported the County for many, many years.

Thank you for your time and consideration in voting to pass this important legislation.

Best regards,

Eileen P Skidmore

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**From:** Walsh, Elizabeth  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2022 1:25 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
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**From:** Mary and Bob Marchegiano <marchegianos@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2022 8:10 AM  
**To:** Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: CB52-2022

Please approve the legislation that Councilmember Deb Jung will be introducing le (CB52-2022) as written. This legislation addresses serious shortcomings of the aging-in-place tax credit, which had duration limits imposed by the State. The bill will remove the five-year limit on the property tax credit designed to help the County's senior residents stay in their homes.

My husband and I ( ages 75 and 80) have lived in the County since 1973. We hope to "age in place" in our home and the continuation of the tax credit will help us do just that. The monies we save in our taxes are turned around and put back into the County's economy as we maintain our homes, shop in the stores, visit medical facilities, frequent the entertainment establishments,

Thank you  
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Ellicott City Maryland 21042  
410-418-7398

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Testimony

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**From:** Judy Vogel <judy@vogelglaser.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 18, 2022 11:23 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** I support CB52-2022

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I have lived in District 4 for the past 45 years and support this bill.

Thank you.

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 18, 2022 5:29 PM  
**To:** dashannon@verizon.net  
**Subject:** Council - CB52-2022

**First Name:** Dorothy  
**Last Name:** Shannon  
**Email:** [dashannon@verizon.net](mailto:dashannon@verizon.net)  
**Street Address:** 9936 Whitworth Way  
**City:** Ellicott City  
**Subject:** CB52-2022

**Message:** I am writing in support of CB52-2022. Many of my friends have left the state after retirement due to the disproportionately high taxes. Senior and military may get some relief due to CB52-2022. Recent inflation has hit seniors especially hard since our cost of living social security raise is eaten by Medicare and high food costs. Assistance is badly needed to allow us to stay n our homes.