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From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 10:14 AM
To: lcostella@goucher.edu
Subject: District 2 - Aging in place

First Name: Lorraine
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Subject: Aging in place

Message: I support the proposed changed to to aging in place tax credit. As a 50 year.long resident this would be a help to my continued residency. Thank you for your help

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From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 3:44 PM
To: pjbrunner@comcast.net
Subject: District 4 - Text from PG County fiscal note on Aging In Place Tax Credit

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City: Columbia
Subject: Text from PG County fiscal note on Aging In Place Tax Credit

Message: Prince Georges county fiscal note on Aging In Place "The United States will be faced with a noticeable increase in the share of the population over the age of 65. Factors such as increasing life expectancy, declining birth rates, and aging amongst the baby boom generation will contribute to this. Many elderly residents have a desire to age-in-place within their current residence or community. However, stagnant incomes, rising healthcare costs, and costs to modify homes to accommodate a resident as they get older create challenges to aging in place. Addressing these challenges will take both time and money, but the benefits of effectively aging-in-place are apparent. The costs associated {with} living in nursing homes is more than three times than noninstitutional long-term care services. Social isolation among seniors can also be lessened as it becomes easier for residents to maintain current relationships. Aging-in-place also allows residents to retain a level of independence that is normally not afforded when living in an institutionalized setting. Creating a property tax credit for elderly residents can help ease the challenges associated with aging in place and keep them within the communities they have lived in for decades."

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County Council Testimony on CB 52

Group Testimony Support

Thank you to Council Member Jung for sponsoring this Bill, which we support. Older residents should be helped to age in place and afford their property taxes and this credit should be extended as proposed. The opposition we are seeing on social media that notes the County should not incentivize older homeowners not to sell, in order to supposedly assist with housing supply is extremely inappropriate.

On the one hand you hear the myth that resold homes produce the most student enrollment, then you hear from the same people that we should be pushing people out of their homes? Older residents require less infrastructure support from the County regarding traffic and school capacity. They deserve to be able to afford to stay in their own homes as long as possible and assisting with that for this productive and appreciated demographic of our County is highly commendable.

The County has an Office of Aging and a Commission on Aging, proving its commitment to our aging populations. We should continue that commitment in a financial way to this group on fixed incomes.

Lisa Markovitz

President, The People's Voice