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The Honorable Jen Terrasa, Chair  
Howard County Zoning Board  
3430 Courthouse Drive  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Valdis Lazdins, Director  
Howard County Department  
of Planning and Zoning  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Dear Chairwoman Terrasa and Mr. Lazdins:

I write to provide information on the role and value of Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs) in supporting the health of Howard County residents.

Because Howard County is an unquestionably desirable place to live, our community is growing, with no segment is growing faster than those 55 years of age and older. Seniors are choosing to age in place in Howard County and our health care system must address their needs.

CCRCs provide on-site care for residents, and promote initiatives to manage the health of seniors who live there.

Through Howard County General Hospital's population health programs, we develop relationships with these facilities and others, working collaboratively to insure that the right care is provided in the right setting.

These retirement communities reduce the potential for unnecessary utilization or over-utilization of hospital services, and represent an important component in the care continuum.

The very real and well-recognized size and space challenges facing Howard County General Hospital must be managed irrespective of housing choices that our senior population makes, and, in fact, many senior living options relieve a burden on hospital resources and provide an opportunity to partner in health initiatives.

It is not our opinion that new facilities will overburden the hospital. As stated, they will become partners in providing health services. I am happy to provide any additional information on this topic as you desire.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Snelgrove'.

Steve Snelgrove  
President