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TO: Howard County Council Members

FROM: Oakland Mills Community Association

Jonathan Edelson, Chair, Board of Directors

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY IN <u>SUPPORT</u> OF Council Bill 59-2025

The Oakland Mills Community Association (OMCA) supports Council Bill 59-2025, "AN ACT amends the Howard County Code to remove the cap on the duration of the property tax credit for seniors and retired military personnel."

The Oakland Mills Village Board requests that the Howard County Council remove the 8-year limit on the "Aging in Place" credit. Many residents who qualify for this credit are long-term Howard County residents who live on a fixed income. Extending this credit would allow these residents to remain in Howard County and continue to be a vital part of our communities.