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TO: President and Members of the City Council
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FROM: John P. Stewart, Executive Director
Commission on Aging and Retirement Education (CARE)

DATE: July 10, 2008

RE: City Council Bill 08-0131

POSITION: SUPPORT

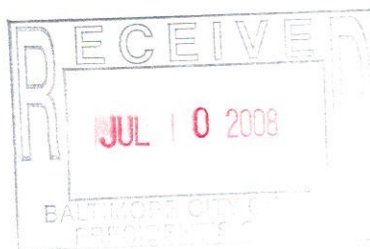
City Council Bill 08-0131 was submitted at the request of Harriet Johnson, Owner of Honor and Cherish Assisted Living. Ms. Johnson is seeking to increase the capacity of her Assisted Living facility on the property known as 3615 Gwynn Oak Avenue, Baltimore 21207. This Assisted Living facility is currently licensed for three residents. The proposal calls for an additional five (5) residents. The house is a three (3) story row house. The first and second floors will be used for residents. Both floors have a living room, dining room, kitchen, bath and two (2) double occupancy bedrooms on each floor that will provide living space for eight (8) residents.

This City Council Bill was submitted by Councilmember Rochelle Spector.

The facility operates within the guidelines established for assisted living facilities, including:

- Residents must be at least is 60 years of age
- Provision of 24 hour supervision
- Compliance with all applicable federal, state and local licensing and certification requirements.

There is adequate parking to accommodate staff. Off street parking is available in the rear of the property. The owner, Harriet Johnson, is a licensed social worker. She and her staff have received training in CPR, food safety and medication administration.



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This facility will offer accessible assisted housing options and services to the elderly population residing in this corridor of Baltimore City. Assisted Living facilities offer a viable community based alternative living environment for individuals whose choose to remain independent, but require supportive and assistive care outside of an institutional setting.

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