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TO: The Honorable President and Members of the City Council
Baltimore City Council

FROM: Janie S. McCullough, Executive Director
Commission on Aging and Retirement Education (CARE)

DATE: April 29, 2010

RE: City Council Bill 10-0447

POSITION: SUPPORT

City Council Bill 10-0447 was submitted at the request of Castlewood Communities, LLC. They are seeking to develop and maintain housing for the elderly on the property known as 616, 618, 620, 622, 624, 626, 628, 630 and 634 Baker Street. These parcels will be known as 620 Baker Street. The building will have a capacity for 50 elderly residents, with income around \$800 per month.

City Council Bill 10-0447, submitted by City Council members Conaway and Cole, will increase affordable housing choices for the elderly in Baltimore City. The apartment complex will be managed by a capable private building management firm, and ample security/security features will be provided. The development partnership will include Druid Heights CDC and Ames United Methodist Church. The project is located in the 7th Councilmanic district (Conaway), but borders the 11th district (Cole).

When completed, this four story property to be known as 620 Baker Street, will be designated for 50 independent elderly residents. This development will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local licensing and certification requirements.

This facility will offer subsidized senior housing options and services to the frail and elderly population residing in this corridor of Baltimore City. The Commission on Aging and Retirement Education supports this development which will increase the number of housing units in the City of Baltimore for the elderly and disabled population. This housing development will be a viable asset to the Sandtown-Winchester Community and citizens of Baltimore.

C: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison to City Council
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