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To: President and Members  
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c/o 409 City Hall

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The Baltimore City Commission on the Aging and Retirement Education (CARE) is pleased to submit this “letter of information,” in review of Council Bill 22-0254, entitled “Office of Aging - Independent Agency.” This ordinance seeks to establish an Office of Aging as an independent agency; define certain terms; provide for the appointment of the Director of the Office; establish duties of the Office; provide for the staff and budget of the Office; require the adoption of certain rules and regulations; require the Office to submit an annual report to the Mayor and City Council; establish the Commission on Aging to advise and collaborate with the Office; provide for the appointment, structure, and governance of the Commission; require the Commission to submit an annual report to the Director; and require Commission members, the Director, and other staff of the Office to file financial disclosures under the Ethics Code.

The Commission was originally established by City ordinance in 1966. Its current enabling legislation is found in Article 1, Subtitle 14 of the Baltimore City Code. It is charged with the responsibility to assist the City in coordinating and developing effective services and opportunities for the City’s older residents. Its role includes recommending new programs, conducting surveys and studies of existing programs, holding public hearings, and reporting its findings and concerns to the Mayor. The Commission also evaluates how the City disseminates information about City programs for older adults to the public and makes recommendations to the Mayor for improving dissemination.

The Commission looks forward to engaging in conversation regarding the issues raised by Council Bill 22-0254 during the legislative process.