

RE: Oppose HB 2056 Eliminating Nursing Facility Provider Tax Exemption for Continuing Care Retirement Communities

Dear Mr. Larson, Health Care Committee Administrator,

This is a copy of an email letter sent to the members of your committee:

HB 2056 contains the Governor's proposal to eliminate the provider tax exemption for Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs). The tax may make sense for Nursing Homes that accept Medicaid patients and can leverage more federal funds, but it doesn't make sense for CCRCs that do not have Medicaid patients or accept federal dollars.

This is an issue of fairness and for many living in CCRCs it is a matter of continuing affordability after committing a significant portion of life savings to the move. My wife and I live in Friendsview Retirement Community and while some here may be able to afford an increase in monthly assessments, many here can't afford the \$50 per person or \$100 per couple per month that it would take to cover the estimated \$350,000 tax that Friendsview would take on each year if the tax exemption is eliminated. Our's is a nonprofit community and not a high end one at that. We are grateful for the care that management here takes to provide quality living and good value for cost.

When the time comes for you to weigh in I urge you to vote NO on HB 2056 to enable the tax exemption to continue as it has since 2001.

Sincerely,

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