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Memorandum in Support of S. 7512-A

An Act to amend the elder law, in relation to considering in-kind support in determining grantees of the naturally occurring retirement community supportive service program

The New York State Association of Area Agencies on Aging (NYSAAAA) supports S. 7512-A, legislation to allow Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC's) to count in-kind contributions toward their required match of state funds.

The current financial situation has made it more difficult for NORCs to solicit monetary contributions. Allowing NORC's to use in-kind support, with the approval of the State Office for the Aging, would diminish the burden placed upon them by allowing the provision of non-monetary goods and services to serve as contributions to NORC activities and enable the organizations to access matching funds.

These programs have provided financial savings to the state and local governments of New York by ensuring that seniors remain vibrant, active members of their community. The in-kind contributions will allow these programs to continue where they otherwise may have to disband due to an inability to garner the monetary contributions needed to match the funds made available by the New York State Office for the Aging.

For these reasons, NYSAAAA supports the bill.

Sincerely,

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