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Memorandum in Support of S. 5375

**An Act to amend the Elder Law, the State Finance Law and the Public
Health Law, in relation to long term care ombudsman access to
assisted living facilities**

The New York State Association of Area Agencies on Aging (NYSAAAA) supports S. 5375; legislation authorizing the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program (LTCOP) to receive and resolve complaints affecting applicants and residents of assisted living residences.

There has been some concern that the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program is being refused entrance into assisted living residences, due to some ambiguity in the State law. This bill cures any such ambiguity by including assisted living residences in the definition of “long term care facilities” and requiring that all assisted living residences be notified of the requirement to allow long-term care ombudsmen access to their facilities.

For these reasons, NYSAAAA supports the bill.

Sincerely,

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