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Councilmember Deb Jung Files Legislation Removing the Time Limit on the Tax Credit for Aging-in-Place Seniors and Retired Military Personnel

Ellicott City, MD (August 13, 2025) – Councilmember Deb Jung will be introducing CB59-2025 in September that will remove the eight-year expiration date on the Aging-in-Place tax credit for seniors and retired military personnel. Currently, these qualifying individuals can receive a 20% property tax reduction that is limited to an eight-year period.

"Many seniors who were being terminated from the current tax-credit program contacted me and requested that I eliminate this unfair time limit," said Councilmember Jung. "Making the tax credit permanent reflects the financial reality of those living on fixed incomes."

During her tenure on the County Council, Councilmember Jung co-sponsored and sponsored two Aging-in-Place bills (CB23-2021 and CB52-2022) that expanded the eligibility requirements of the County's tax credit for seniors and retired military personnel.

"I am so grateful that I was able to expand support to longtime residents who wish to remain in the community that they love," said Councilmember Jung. "But there was still unfinished business after the adoption of these previous bills." Removing the time limit on this tax credit has been the Councilmember's long-term legislative goal. As qualifying individuals timed out of the tax credit program, Councilmember Jung scheduled the introduction of CB59-2025 to occur in September after the Council's return from its August recess. This bill also includes a retroactive provision for those who were disqualified under the current expiration period.

CB59-2025 has been pre-filed and can be viewed on the County Council's Pre-Filed Legislation page, available here. The bill will be introduced on September 2 and the public will have an opportunity to testify on this bill on September 15. The Councilmembers will vote on the bill on October 6.

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