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2023-09-29 11:13:03	Jacqueline	Kyle	Glen Burnie	MD	21061	No	Anne Arundel County Animal Welfare Council	BILL 67-23: Positions in the Classified & Exempt Services	Support	<p>My name is Jacqueline Kyle, I'm the Chair of the Anne Arundel County Animal Welfare Council entering testimony on behalf of the AWC regarding Bill No. 67-23. The AWC strongly supports the portion of the bill proposing modifications to the pay grade for Anne Arundel County Animal Care &amp; Control Officers.</p> <p>The AWC researched current pay in the 6 surrounding counties and found that 3 surrounding counties pay on average \$5000 more annually. The counties paying ACCO's more than AA County are Prince George's County, Montgomery County and Charles County.</p> <p>Currently, Animal Care &amp; Control is short 2 out of 10 ACCO'S. This pay grade modification is needed to attract a wider pool of applicants and make us competitive with surrounding counties.</p> <p>In closing, the AWC asks that County Council members vote in favor of Bill No. 67-23.</p>
2023-09-30 18:45:34	Paul	Christensen	Tracys Landing	MD	20779	Yes		BILL 69-23: Zoning – Notice – Amendments to Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance	Oppose	<p>Bill 69-23 requires only a 5 calendar day notice to neighbors when a landowner petitions the County Council for a change in zoning. A 5 day notice period is far too short for citizens to 1) notice the sign and read it; 2) call OPZ to learn options for action; 3) contact their community association or neighbors; 4) enable the community association to consult its board and members to consider taking a position; and 5) organize citizen support or opposition to the application.</p> <p>What is the rush?? Thirty days would be much more reasonable.</p>
2023-10-02 0:50:24	Susan	Cochran	Edgewater	MD	21037-2617	Yes		BILL 69-23: Zoning – Notice – Amendments to Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance	Support	<p>I support this bill with an amendment to extend the placement of the notice to at least 10 days before adoption. The sign should be supplemented with a letter delivered by USPS registered mail to each resident close to the parcel to be rezoned. This is necessary to make sure neighbors are fully aware of zoning changes requested so they can make a timely objection.</p>
2023-10-02 8:16:27	Stephen	Miller	Annapolis	Maryland	21409	Yes		BILL 69-23: Zoning – Notice – Amendments to Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance	Oppose	<p>At a minimum, please double the requirement to post a sign five calendar days before the introduction of an Amendment to a Comprehensive Zoning Council Meeting as proposed in Bill 69-23. Five calendar days is simply not enough time for citizens to recognize that a sign has been posted, collect information, reach out to other affected parties, and prepare a response to elected officials. This is particularly true if the sign were to be posted on a Wednesday before a Monday Council meeting. What possible justification could there be for proposing only a five-day sign posting requirement other than to reduce the likelihood of public input?</p>
2023-10-02 9:46:51	Matt	Minahan	Edgewater	MD	21037	Yes		BILL 69-23: Zoning – Notice – Amendments to Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance	Oppose	
2023-10-02 10:57:38	Martin	Simon	Crofton	MD	21114	No	Crofton Civic Association	BILL 69-23: Zoning – Notice – Amendments to Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance	Oppose	<p>As Town Manager of the Crofton Special Community Benefit District, I respectfully request that Bill 69-23 be amended to extend the 5 day notice requirement to a more realistic minimum of at least 20 calendar days to provide citizens a more fair opportunity to research proposed zoning changes. Thank you.</p>
2023-10-02 11:42:54	Gary	Mauler	Jessup	United States	20794	Yes		BILL 69-23: Zoning – Notice – Amendments to Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance	Oppose	<p>I fully support the position of the Growth Action Network on the notification times.</p> <p>See attached document</p>
2023-09-28 7:20:31	Michael	Kip	DUNDALK	MD	21222-4327	Yes		BILL 74-23: Construction Code – Fire Prevention Code – Zoning – Group Homes, Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities, & Recovery Residences	Oppose	
2023-09-29 10:39:27	Kaitlyn	Arnold	pasadena	md	21122	Yes		BILL 74-23: Construction Code – Fire Prevention Code – Zoning – Group Homes, Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities, & Recovery Residences	Oppose	
2023-09-29 10:52:50	Michelle	King	Pasadena	Maryland	21122	Yes		BILL 74-23: Construction Code – Fire Prevention Code – Zoning – Group Homes, Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities, & Recovery Residences	Oppose	
2023-10-02 8:56:15	Nicholas	Albaugh	Pasadena	MD	21122	Yes		BILL 74-23: Construction Code – Fire Prevention Code – Zoning – Group Homes, Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities, & Recovery Residences	Oppose	
2023-10-02 9:55:55	Therese	Hessler	Annapolis	MD	21401	No	Recovery Housing & Treatment Centers Coalition of Maryland	BILL 74-23: Construction Code – Fire Prevention Code – Zoning – Group Homes, Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities, & Recovery Residences	Oppose	
2023-10-02 10:47:12	sahar	albaugh	Rockville	MD	20854	No	Maryland Wellness & Recovery	BILL 74-23: Construction Code – Fire Prevention Code – Zoning – Group Homes, Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities, & Recovery Residences	Oppose	
2023-10-02 10:57:31	Gage	Theodore	Pasadena	Maryland	21122	Yes		BILL 74-23: Construction Code – Fire Prevention Code – Zoning – Group Homes, Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities, & Recovery Residences	Oppose	
2023-10-02 10:59:24	Nicholas	Acosta	Glen Burnie	MD	21061	Yes		BILL 74-23: Construction Code – Fire Prevention Code – Zoning – Group Homes, Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities, & Recovery Residences	Oppose	
2023-10-02 11:00:14	Basile	Ferro	Glen Burnie	MD	21061	Yes		BILL 74-23: Construction Code – Fire Prevention Code – Zoning – Group Homes, Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities, & Recovery Residences	Oppose	
2023-10-02 10:21:48	Therese	Hessler	Annapolis	MD	21401	No	Recovery Housing & Treatment Centers Coalition of Maryland	RES. 41-23 – Support for new State laws related to substance use disorder treatment providers and facilities	Support	
2023-10-02 9:42:38	Therese	Hessler	Annapolis	MD	21401	No	Recovery Housing & Treatment Centers Coalition of Maryland	RES. 42-23 – Support for a County grant program to assist recovery residences with installing fire suppression systems	Support	
2023-09-29 10:04:49	Korey	Hartwich	Silver Spring	Maryland	20910	No	National Nurses United	RES. 43-23 – Support for Medicare for All	Support	<p>On behalf of of National Nurses United, and Anne Arundel's registered nurses and the patients they care for, I write to urge you to vote to pass the resolution supporting Medicare for All (43-23).</p>

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2023-09-29 19:11:43	Brittany	Shannahan	Washington	Washington	20009	No	Public Citizen	RES. 43-23 – Support for Medicare for All	Support	<p>Thanks to input buy Steven Theroux at the AACO Budget Office, I was able to calculate total expenditures for active and retiree health plans for FY2022 at 152,009,059. I was not able to get an actual number for FY2022 but the budget number for total salaries and wages was 422,160,948. Based on these numbers, the proportion of wages (minus benefits) to the total amount paid by AACO as an employer to retirees and current employees is 36%.</p> <p>I have been working with activists to calculate municipal spending on healthcare plans for years. We have passed over 123 resolutions, many of which involved calculating this cost. A proportion of 36% of total wages going towards employee and retiree premiums is the highest percent I've ever encountered. It speaks to the commitment of Anne Arundel County to delivering quality insurance for employees.</p> <p>Medicare for All, in providing universal coverage with no copays or deductibles, plus long term care benefits, dental, hearing and eye care, would not compromise the quality of care that Anne Arundel County employees and retired workers are accustomed to receiving.</p> <p>It would, however, save a significant amount of money for Anne Arundel County.</p> <p>There are a number of proposals for how to pay for Medicare for All. The most definite financing mechanism is a progressive payroll tax. This is also the only financing mechanism that would affect municipalities.</p> <p>Senator Sanders has suggested a tax of 7.5%. It is good to make a low and high estimate, so I ran the numbers for 7% and 10%. Both percentages are at the extreme end and give an idea of the range we're looking at.</p> <p>Under a progressive payroll tax, there would likely be some sort of cost-sharing for that deduction, but I have run the numbers with the assumption that the employer (in this case Anne Arundel County) will be paying the full amount.</p> <p>With a low payroll tax (7%) completely covered by the employer, the employer's share would be \$29,551,266. Compared to FY2022 spending, that is a savings of \$122,457,793.</p> <p>With a high payroll tax (10%) completely covered by the employer, the employer's share would be \$42,216,095. Compared to FY2022 spending, that is a savings of \$109,792,964.</p> <p>A range of \$109,792,964 – 122,457,793. Over ten years, that's well over a billion dollars.</p> <p>Brittany Shannahan   Organizer, Medicare-for-All Campaign she/her/hers // Mx. Public Citizen 1600 20th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009 TEL: (202) 588-7719, EMAIL: bshannahan@citizen.org</p>
2023-09-30 6:17:17	Jennifer	Sell	Severna Park	MD	21146	Yes		RES. 43-23 – Support for Medicare for All	Support	<p>My name is Jennifer Sell and I live in Severna Park in Anne Arundel County. I am asking you to vote in favor of Resolution 43-23. We know that it is getting harder and harder to work and live in Anne Arundel County and America's rising medical costs are not helping this situation. Medicare for All will directly benefit all Anne Arundel County citizens and help to lower medical costs for all. Lower medical costs result in increased health for the entire county and frees up money for people to spend at our local businesses and increases the chances people are able to afford rent and mortgage costs to stay in or move to Anne Arundel County. Please vote in support of this resolution.</p>
2023-10-01 12:50:17	Rebecca	Benzer	Gambrills	Maryland	21054	No	SURJ3A	RES. 43-23 – Support for Medicare for All	Support	<p>Everyone deserves health care as a human right. I am very excited that Councilwoman Lisa Rodvien introduced the Medicare for All Resolution 43-23 on Sept 18th. I am now asking for you to vote in FAVOR of Resolution 43-23 on October 2nd. I'm also pleased to report that the City of Annapolis passed a Medicare for All Resolution in 2021 along with Montgomery County, Prince George's County, City of Frederick, Rockville, and hundreds of US Cities and Counties. Congressman John Sarbanes who represents Anne Arundel County has already voted for the House Medicare for All 2023 Bill.</p>
2023-10-01 17:01:04	Linda	Girdner	Gambrills	MD	21054	Yes		RES. 43-23 – Support for Medicare for All	Support	<p>Councilmembers, As a retired mental health professional, I am an advocate for health justice, which can be defined as "not only a framework for scholarly discourse and research, but also a movement for power building and transformational change to eliminate health inequities and secure distinctively collective interests in access to health care and healthy living conditions." (<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC10009391/">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC10009391/</a>) We know that systems of discrimination and oppression relate directly to health inequities. Do we want to continue to enable those systems that lead to more disease and earlier deaths or create possibilities of new systems that enhance the quality of life and recognize health care as a right. Covid-19 is not in the past. It and other viruses are in our present and future. We need to keep our community and country safe. By valuing people's mental and physical health we improve public health and we demonstrate that we value each person in America. I felt renewed hope when Councilwoman Lisa Rodvien introduced the Medicare for All Resolution 43-23 on Sept 18th. I am now asking for you to vote in FAVOR of passing Resolution 43-23 on October 2nd. Thank you. L. Girdner</p>
2023-10-01 22:36:24	Lynda	Davis	Linthicum	MD	21090	Yes		RES. 43-23 – Support for Medicare for All	Support	<p>I am writing to implore you to vote in favor of Medicare for All Resolution 43-23 for moral and financial reasons. As Martin Luther King said in March 1966, "Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health is the most shocking and inhuman." Healthcare is a human right. We all deserve to have it. Making sure everyone has health care does not take anything away from those who currently have health care. It is not a zero sum game. Making sure everyone has health care will make all of us healthier and is morally the right thing to do. "A study by Yale epidemiologists, which was published in the peer-reviewed journal The Lancet, estimates that Medicare for All could save 68,000 lives per year simply by guaranteeing health care to all as a right." It is also the right thing to do financially. According to the Congressional Budget Office, "Medicare for All would save the American people and our entire health care system \$650 billion each year, improve the economy, and eliminate all out-of-pocket health care costs." It is for these reasons that I am urging you to vote in favor of Resolution 43-23. Thank you.</p>
2023-10-02 9:10:33	Patty	Snee	Largo	Maryland	20792	No	Progressive Maryland	RES. 43-23 – Support for Medicare for All	Support	
2023-10-02 10:53:51	Michael	Walsh	Shady Side	MD	20764	Yes		RES. 43-23 – Support for Medicare for All	Support	<p>Medicare for All is important to me as at 38 I am already a two-time cancer survivor. I was unemployed at the time I was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma and metastatic melanoma in 2018, making the search for insurance coverage that would cover the life-saving care I needed even more of a major stress in my life than I was already experiencing facing a major health crisis. I believe that health care is a human right and we deserve to get the care we need without worry of prior authorizations and approvals, exorbitant deductibles and co-pays, or "network" considerations all negotiated by private insurance companies that prioritize their profit over our care. The scans that I need to routinely check for recurrence of cancer have a \$250-350 co-pay, and I fear that one day I will have to make the decision between saving the money or my health, and that is a decision that nobody should have to make. The people of Anne Arundel County and across the US need to know they're leaders care for their health, and I hope that by passing this resolution amidst the ever-growing grassroots support of the already popular Medicare for All, we will one day see a future that guarantees healthcare to us all.</p>
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