



## COMMISSION ON AGING

February 1, 2023

Carmel Roques  
Office of Secretary  
Department of Aging  
301 West Preston St., Room 1007  
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Secretary Roques,

I am writing on behalf of the Montgomery County Commission on Aging to express our sincere congratulations on your appointment as Maryland Secretary of Aging. We believe the new Governor made a spectacular choice and know that you will be a strong leader – a voice for all older Marylanders across the spectrum of diversities and underserved communities. We look forward to seas of real change and progress.

The Commission on Aging was established in 1974 to advise County government on the needs, interests, and issues of older adult residents, and to advocate on their behalf. Our work is ever more significant as our older adult population continues to grow and to become more diverse. A primary area of our concern is the protection and support of vulnerable, marginalized and isolated older adults. One of our goals is to make Montgomery County a *Community for a Lifetime*. With your background in aging issues and proven experience in health care for older adults, we feel that the change you will be able to make, will move not just Montgomery County, but all of the communities in Maryland closer to reaching that goal.

The demands of your time will be great working in the new administration, so we are writing on DAY 1 to get on your calendar to meet the Montgomery County Commission on Aging and learn about your priorities and what we can do as a Commission to help achieve them. Of course, we can adjust our meetings to your schedule, but we have February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 to 11am available, March 23<sup>rd</sup> between 9:30 and 11am, May 25<sup>th</sup> between 9:30 and 11am, and once again June 22<sup>nd</sup> between 9:30 and 11am. We look forward to working with you, your department, and your staff!

Sincerely,

*David Engel*

David Engel, Chair  
Montgomery County Commission on Aging

cc: Dr. Odile Brunetto, Chief, Aging and Disability Services  
Montgomery County Council  
Montgomery County Delegation  
Leslie Frey