



Howard County Citizens Association

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Ms. Cindy Hounsell, President
Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement (WISER)
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Dear Ms. Hounsell,

On behalf of the Howard County Citizens Association, (HCCA), I want to express our appreciation for your keynote presentation at our Community forum on 16 April 2016, "Getting Older Isn't Optional; How You Deal with It Is." Your remarks and information set just the right tone by highlighting the full array of retirement security issues, especially related to older women.

We are hopeful that the forum marks the first in a series of collaborative efforts with WISER and HCCA. In that regard, HCCA is pleased to support WISER on its grant application for the Administration of Community Living's National Education and Resource Center on Women and Retirement Planning.

Now in our 55th year, the HCCA has a well-earned track record as a leader of community education programs to ensure the highest quality of life for people of all ages. On our Aging initiative, these partners include the Howard County Office on Aging, the Columbia Association, and the Howard County Chapter of the National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees.

Building on the forum's success, HCCA and WISER will work together to:

- Promote the Center as a one-stop shop for information related to women's retirement security.
- Promote WISERs "Financial Steps for Caregivers:" What You Need to Know about Protecting Your Money and Retirement."
- Working with other partners, develop an information packet focusing on the Economic Security of older women in Howard County featuring WISER fact sheets on housing options, long-term care, caregiving costs, financial help and fraud protection.
- Identify opportunities to present this information to Community groups and faith-based organizations.

HCCA looks forward to a continued working relationship with WISER.

Sincerely,

Stu Kohn
President