

Testimony in Support of HB 562

Human Services – Temporary Cash Assistance – Housing Allowance
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I, Mya Brown, am writing a letter in support of House Bill 562.

My name is Mya Brown and I am a single mother due to Covid-19. I am also a U.S. Army veteran. I am writing about the Housing Allowance Bill (HB 562). I feel this bill should be raised because my TCA is not enough for my daily household allowance. Right now, my car note is the full amount of my TCA. I don't have enough to take care of my personal needs, my family, or my other bills. I usually have to wait until the next month to pay bills, meaning I am always behind in my affairs. I am already living in a shelter and am already scared as it is. So any other stressors, like finances, are not good. My PTSD is already bad.

I feel very passionate about this issue. I need more aid for my daughter's needs that the shelter doesn't supply. It would help me greatly because I need it and I don't have anyone else to help me in Maryland: I only have my TCA (and food stamps). I would be forever grateful if this bill were to pass.

Please support HB 562.

Thank you.