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HB183 Human Services – Food Supplement Program (Summer SNAP for Children Act)
House Appropriations Committee
January 23, 2024

Position: Favorable

Background: HB183 would update the Summer Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and would increase the amount allocated for the program in the State budget.

Comments: The Maryland Retailers Alliance (MRA) strongly supports **HB183 Human Services – Food Supplement Program (Summer SNAP for Children Act)** which would increase the amount allocated in the State budget for several months in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Summer SNAP provides additional funds to families during June, July, August, and December in order to offset the lack of school-provided meals for children during those months. This critical aspect of SNAP in Maryland decreases food insecurity and expands access to healthy food for children who depend on meals provided during the school year. Increasing the annual allocation to Summer SNAP will ensure that the program’s funding needs are consistently met, helping to close the food insecurity gap for low-income Marylanders.

MRA would respectfully urge a favorable vote on HB183. Thank you for your consideration.