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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 183  
FAVORABLE  
Human Services-Food Supplement Program  
(Summer SNAP for Children Act)**

**TO: Delegate Ben Barnes, Chair, Delegate Mark S. Chang, Co-Chair, and members of the Appropriations Committee;**

**FROM: Rev. Linda K. Boyd, Episcopal Diocese of Maryland**

**DATE: January 23, 2024:**

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The Episcopal Church at large and the Diocese of Maryland, like the major faith traditions of Christianity, Judaism and Islam, are based upon the concept of loving your neighbor as yourself. Making sure that impoverished children have nutritious food to eat is certainly part of that concept.

Research shows that SNAP makes it easier for families to afford nutritious food without having to sacrifice health care or other basic needs. SNAP boosts children's health; helps them perform better in school; helps to lift them and their families out of poverty; and helps them to stay out of poverty.

The Diocese of Maryland requests a favorable report on HB 183.

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