

**Local power, collective voice
for Maryland's children, youth and families**

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SUPPORT – SB035 - Budget and Taxation - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – State Supplement


Dear Senators:

On behalf of the Maryland Association of Local Management Boards, I am writing in support of SB035. Local Management Boards in each county and jurisdiction in the State of Maryland conduct needs assessments of their communities. As a result, we know there are children and youth across the state of Maryland who need access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

SB035 will remove the minimum age for a household member to receive the State-provided SNAP, while also increasing the dollar amount for recipients. Local Management Boards work directly with families every day and know they are still struggling to put food on the table in the wake of inflation. Increasing the SNAP benefit will feed more Marylanders and more low income families. Local Management Boards create and support programming to address children's hunger needs, and this bill will further the efforts of LMBs.

We urge you to support SB035, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - State Supplement to feed low income Maryland families.

Sincerely,



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