

February 9, 2021

On behalf of Marshall Hope Corporation, a 501c3, we would like to lend our support to Representative Dana Jones' bill, HB711, regarding tax incentive for donations of diaper and feminine products. Marshall Hope operates the West Annapolis Pantry@ 710 Ridgely Ave, Annapolis, MD, 21401, on Thursdays and Saturdays. We have been serving the Hispanic population since the beginning of Covid pandemic and have found that diaper and feminine products are the most difficult to keep stocked on our shelves. As of January 2021, our numbers have increased dramatically over the last four months. Last Thursday we saw 353 families come to our drive-through distribution. It is difficult to maintain enough food, toiletries, diapers, and feminine products for each pantry when by the end event, we are almost completely depleted of all products. By having this additional support through bill HB711, we believe that donors around the city of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County will be more likely to support our efforts and thereby continue to help us supply a stream of product for the struggling families in our community.

We urge a favorable report on the bill.

Respectfully Submitted,

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