



*Maryland Association of*  
**LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARDS**

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**SUPPORT – HB456 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - State Supplement**

Dear Senators:

On behalf of the Maryland Association of Local Management Boards, I am writing in support of HB456. Local Management Boards in each county and jurisdiction in the State of Maryland conduct needs assessments of their communities. Local Management Boards have a focus on supporting hungry children, and SNAP is an essential program to help food insecure families and people who need assistance.

Raising the allowance of SNAP dollars to families will have a larger impact, allowing them to buy more healthy foods for themselves and their families. This bill will stimulate Maryland's economy as well, with more dollars able to be spent in local grocery stores. In the wake of economic hardship for Marylanders as a result of COVID-19, SNAP should be the safety net to provide for families when they are unable to provide for all of their needs. Lowering the age of requirements from 62 to 60 will also have a positive impact on seniors who have limited income, allowing more people to access healthy food.

We urge you to support HB456 to support food insecure families in Maryland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P M Brown".

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