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## In Support of HB 452: SNAP For Students – Education

Members of the Maryland House Appropriations Committee.

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1500 members. We fully support applying for a federal waiver to the SNAP program to give mothers greater access to supports for the many needs of Maryland's families living near or below the poverty line.

Families who live on the edges of poverty, truly need this kind of help, now. We support the extension of these types of programs to help families that struggle with food security.

So many families are still hurting financially from the past 3 years of health and economic hardships, we all can use a helping hand during these trying times. We hope that the MGA will also work on other constructive ways of supporting working families moving forward. This one is many steps needed to support our varied communities of PAC members.

Thank you for taking a new approach to an old problem that has been plaguing the support system for those living in poverty for far too long.

Please support House Bill 452 and ask that the committee return a favorable report for this bill.

Thank you for your time, and for considering our testimony today.

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