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Maryland Senate
11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, MD. 21401

In Support of SB 52 / HB 87 : Diapers – SNAP Waiver – Diaper and Hygiene Products

Members of the Maryland Senate’s Finance Committee.

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1500 members working with our partners from *Discoveries: The Library At The Mall and its Food Pantry*, a branch of Anne Arundel County Public Library. – AACPL, 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.

In the past, federal and state assistance programs such as SNAP benefits have not been allowed to be used to purchase these kinds of items. These families who live on the edges of poverty, truly need this kind of help, now.

So many families are still hurting financially from the past 2 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 to the Senator Elfreth and Delegate Stewart 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 Senate Bill 52 / House Bill 87 and return a favorable report for this bill.

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

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