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SUPPORT OF HB 543
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Seniors - State Supplement

Dear Honorable Delegate Shaneka Henson,

We strongly support Senate Bill 722 and House Bill 543, which will increase the minimum supplemental SNAP benefits from \$40 to \$75 per month for Maryland Older Adults.

This impactful legislation is needed because of rising costs across the board for older adults with incomes already well below the poverty line. A \$35 per month increase can truly help older Marylanders afford necessities like food and medicines.

We, BDS Healthy Aging Networks, Inc., represents older adults and other underserved Marylanders who know firsthand of the need for such legislations.

We are Praying for the successful outcome for this Bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy D. Simon".

Betsy D. Simon, M.S., CHES®
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