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Testimony on Senate Bill 35
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – State Supplement
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

Position: Favorable

Maryland Nonprofits is a statewide association of more than 1500 nonprofit organizations and institutions. We are asking you to again support Senate Bill 35 to provide critically needed assistance to low income families and seniors.

The termination last year of federal emergency allotments impacted households and individuals on SNAP, as well as but the entire food system in the state. As Maryland Hunger Solutions has reported, federal nutrition assistance dollars coming into Maryland **each month** for SNAP dropped nearly \$70 million with the ending of emergency allotments. It is estimated for every \$1 provided through SNAP, \$1.50 is generated in the local economy. These estimates would calculate a loss of \$105 million in the economy every month and over \$1 billion annually.

But the seriousness of these reductions is even more dramatic at the recipient's level, where the lowest minimum monthly allotment (for a 'household' of one) dropped from \$281 to as little as \$23.

We urge you to give a favorable report.