



**BILL NO:** Senate Bill 668  
**TITLE:** Earned Income Tax Credit - Individuals Without Qualifying Children - Eligibility  
**COMMITTEE:** Budget and Taxation  
**HEARING DATE:** February 12, 2025  
**POSITION:** **SUPPORT**

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The Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV) is the state domestic violence coalition that brings together victim service providers, allied professionals, and concerned individuals for the common purpose of reducing intimate partner and family violence and its harmful effects on our citizens. **MNADV urges the COMMITTEE to favorably Report on SB 668.**

Senate Bill 668 would expand eligibility for the Maryland earned income tax credit for individuals without qualifying children by altering the income thresholds at which the credit phases out, and would tie future amounts to the cost of living. SB 668 is an opportunity to help low-income single filers that do not claim dependents lessen the amount of taxes owed and potentially increase their refund. This in turn assists the Maryland economy overall as taxpayers spend their refunds.

While the bill does not specifically target survivors of domestic violence, expanding EITC eligibility can provide financial benefits to low-income individuals, including those who have experienced domestic violence. Financial independence is often a critical factor for survivors seeking to leave abusive situations. By increasing access to tax credits, the bill could offer additional financial support, thereby aiding survivors in achieving greater economic stability and autonomy.

For the above stated reasons, the **Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence urges a favorable report on SB668.**