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## **Vote Yes on Senate Bill 703**

Bill Title: Family Investment Program and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Benefits  
– Child Support

Committee: Finance

*Hearing Date: February 19, 2025*

Dear Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and Esteemed Members of the Finance Committee,

I urge your support for Senate Bill 703, legislation that addresses an inequity in Maryland's Family Investment Program (FIP) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by ensuring child support payments do not reduce the benefits that families are entitled to receive.

Currently, child support is counted as income in both FIP and SNAP, which often results in reduced eligibility for assistance. This can create hardships for families already struggling to make ends meet, and discourages parents from receiving the support they are entitled to. Senate Bill 703 seeks to correct this by ensuring that any child support received is passed directly through to the family, without affecting their eligibility for benefits.

The bill applies to both FIP and SNAP, ensuring that local departments of social services will no longer factor in child support when calculating SNAP benefits. This will help families retain access to vital resources that allow them to meet their needs.

Additionally, the bill includes a provision for the Department of Human Services to provide a report by December 1, 2028, evaluating the impact of this change, helping to ensure that the program's intended goals are being met and that it is working effectively to support Maryland families.

Senate Bill 703 takes a necessary step to improve the well-being of Maryland's families, particularly those in single-parent and low-income households. I respectfully request that the Finance Committee vote yes on this important bill, to help ensure Maryland families receive the full support they deserve.

Continued Blessings,

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