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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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Vote Yes on Senate Bill 445

Bill Title: Department of Human Services – Federal Commodity Supplemental Food Program – Administration

Committee: Finance

Hearing Date: February 19th 2025

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

I stand before you in strong support of Senate Bill 445, a bill that will improve how Maryland runs the Federal Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). This bill will place the Family Investment Administration (FIA) in charge of coordinating and managing the program, making the process more efficient and streamlined for those who rely on it.

Currently, the Secretary of Aging oversees CSFP, but this bill would shift that responsibility to the FIA, which already manages several vital assistance programs. By doing this, we make sure that the program runs smoothly and that every resource and dollar is used to benefit those who need it most. This change means better coordination, faster access, and a more effective system to help Maryland families who face food insecurity.

Senate Bill 445 makes sure that the resources we receive from the federal government under 7 C.F.R. 247 are handled by the central agency that already manages many public assistance programs. This will create a more unified approach to helping those in need.

I ask for your support of this bill, as it will make our state's food assistance system more efficient and effective. With this change, we continue to strengthen our commitment to Maryland's most vulnerable families.

Continued Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cory V. McCray".

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