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**SUPPORT – HB1348 - State Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Refugees and Asylees
- Establishment**

Dear Delegates:

On behalf of the Maryland Association of Local Management Boards, I am writing in support of **HB1348 - State Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Refugees and Asylees - Establishment** to establish the State Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Refugees and Asylees and expand food access.

Local Management Boards in each county and jurisdiction in the State of Maryland work in low income neighborhoods to address the needs of children and families in their respective jurisdiction. Food access has been a major burden for families, especially because of inflation. Refugees and asylees in our state are here legally. They are currently under all levels of threat . We should ensure that they receive what they are legally entitled to.

We urge you to support HB1348 - State Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Refugees and Asylees - Establishment to improve food access for refugees and asylees to access the State's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Sincerely,

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Chair