

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 142:**

**Child Support - Earnings Withholdings Limits**

TO: The Honorable Sandy Bartlett, Chair, and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

FROM: Delegate Kym Taylor

DATE: February 5th, 2026

Dear Senator Smith and the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

My name is Adonis Adkins Jr, a resident of District 45. I am asking you to support HB 142.

Capping child support garnishment at 25% for individuals earning less than approximately \$40,000 per year is absolutely critical. Between rent, gas, food, and taxes, people earning under \$40,000 are already left with little to nothing, and that's before child support is even factored in.

The current system forces these non-custodial parents into an impossible choice: either don't pay child support and face the consequences, or pay child support and end up on the brink of homelessness. This is not a real choice.

Let me be clear: paying child support is a necessity. Non-custodial parents absolutely should be held accountable for supporting their children. But they cannot be pushed to the point of homelessness, because if they are, they won't be able to pay child support at all. We'll be left with the same problem we're trying to fix: non-custodial parents not paying child support.

This bill doesn't let anyone off the hook—it creates a system where people can be accountable over the long term rather than crushed in the short term.

I urge you to support House Bill 142. This is about creating a child support system that actually works for children by ensuring their parents can survive while they pay.

Thank you.