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**Testimony of Delegate Dana Jones
Before Ways and Means Committee**

**In Support of HB 903
Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Donations to Food Banks and Other Charitable
Entities**

February 26th 2026, 1:00 pm

For the record, I am Delegate Dana Jones representing District 30a in the House of Delegates.

Chair Wilkins, Vice-Chair Feldmark, and members of the Ways and Means Committee, I am here today to introduce HB 903, Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Donations to Food Banks and Other Charitable Entities. The purpose of this legislation is to create a \$1,000 subtraction modification for donations to food banks. This legislation will serve as an impactful and targeted tool to incentivize private donations to address the growing need for resources of Maryland's food banks.

According to the Maryland Food Bank, 1 in 3 Marylanders are at risk of food insecurity. Additionally, a significant percentage of Marylanders are facing financial struggles that prevent them from being able to afford their basic needs. Federal cuts in HR1, federal layoffs, and the 43 day shutdown late last year only exacerbate the need. The shutdown kept over 260,000 Maryland federal workers without pay¹, and SNAP's temporary halt worsened the food security crisis further for 680,000 additional Marylanders². Maryland food banks rose to meet this challenge, finding ways to serve greater need with fewer resources.

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<https://marylandmatters.org/2025/10/06/shutdown-support-for-federal-workers-comes-from-range-of-businesses-charities/#:~:text=Maryland%20is%20home%20to%20about.the%20uncertainty%20of%20the%20shutdown>

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<https://www.wbalv.com/article/map-maryland-snap-beneficiaries-impact-government-shutdown/69219670#:~:text=Digital%20Content%20Manager-.MAP%20%7C%20680K%20Marylanders%20rely%20on%20SNAP.the%20ongoing%20federal%20government%20shutdown>

Although federal and state funding are essential to the work of Maryland food banks, private support is equally vital to their continued success. Private support is especially important as costs and demand has increased, while sources of funds have diminished. HB 903 would serve as a critical tool for Maryland to help incentivize those private donations for the purpose of food purchases. This shifts some of the need off both federal and state governments while providing a small, but meaningful tool to increase donations of the most essential products that Marylanders in need rely on.

I am especially thankful to have the support of the amazing Anne Arundel County Food Bank on this bill. I am also proud to be partnering with Senator Paul Corderman as the cross file in the Senate.

With that, I respectfully urge the Committee to move forward with HB903

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dana Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Delegate Dana Jones