

To the Honorable Members of the General Assembly,

We, the undersigned organizations, are writing to ask for your support of HB101: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Heat & Eat Program. The Heat & Eat Program will provide a boost to SNAP benefits for recipients eligible for both SNAP and energy assistance. By implementing this program, the state could provide millions of dollars of additional SNAP benefits to low-income Marylanders who are eligible for these federal dollars. There's no reason that Maryland should continue to deny these benefits which more than a dozen other states are already utilizing.

In an analysis in 2016, MD DHS estimated 32,000 Marylanders would benefit from the Heat & Eat Program, with an average monthly benefit of \$50-\$60 in SNAP. If implemented by Maryland the beneficiaries will include SNAP participants all across the state; seniors, families with children, as well as those who are veterans or have a disability.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

MD Hunger Solutions	AARP MD	Share Our Strength
Marylanders Against Poverty	Manna Food Center	Critical Issues Forum
Montgomery County Food Council	Public Justice Center	Fair Farms Maryland
Capitol Area Food Bank	MD Food Bank	Homestead Hustle & Healing
Prince George's County Food Equity Council		Germantown HELP
Homeless Persons Representation Project		Small Things Matter
Am Kolel Jewish Renewal Community		Justice and Service
Rainbow Community Development Center		Community FarmShare
Korean Community Service Center of Greater Washington		A Place of Hope
Kings & Priests' Court International Ministries		AfriThrive
St John's Norwood Episcopal Church	Crossroads Community Food Network	
Hughes United Methodist Church	Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington	
Reproductive Health Equity Alliance of Maryland		Food & Friends

Rockville Senior Center

Educational Sustainability Mobilization

Up2Us Foundation