



**HB0711 - Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Donations to Diaper Banks and Other Charitable Entities**

Presented to the Honorable Anne Kaiser and Members of Ways and Means Committee

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**POSITION: SUPPORT**

Greater DC Diaper Bank **urges the House Ways and Means Committee to issue a favorable report on HB0711 - Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Donations to Diaper Banks and Other Charitable Entities**, sponsored by Delegate Dana Jones.

At Greater DC Diaper Bank (GDCDB), we distribute more than just diapers but a wide variety of hygiene products to our partner organizations across the DC-metro region. Our warehouse is located in Silver Spring, MD in House District 18. Greater DC Diaper Bank predominantly serves Prince George’s County and Montgomery County through our partners, though often reaching Howard and Frederick Counties as well.

GDCDB relies on the generosity of our community to keep our lights on and our shelves stocked. We are unique in that we offer many opportunities for people to support our mission: through monetary donations, through volunteer hours, and through product donations. In 2020 alone, we received over \$300,000 in hygiene products and \$200,000 in diapers directly from our surrounding community.

We know the federal charitable giving changes make giving feel less impactful for the average Marylander. Giving products is often more accessible and tangible for our community. Often, we receive donations from families whose child has outgrown a diaper size or is allergic to a certain formula type. Donating to GDCDB allows families to pay it forward and not let these vital items go to waste.

The product donations we receive may seem small but one box of diapers can keep a baby clean and dry for a month. Allowing Marylanders to deduct their product donations to diaper banks and other organizations is an easy step to encourage giving and open up opportunities for people to get more involved in their community. For these reasons, Greater DC Diaper Bank **urges a favorable committee report on HB0711**. Thank you for your time and consideration.