

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB316

My name is Joshua Oh. I attend Crofton Middle School. I am submitting testimony in support of SB316.

During the pandemic, I have helped host bi-weekly pop-up pantries for families in need. In total, we have provided over 100,000 diapers and 50,000 menstrual products to Maryland families. Over the last several months, we noticed a tremendous jump in diaper prices. In some cases, the price for a case of diapers has gone up as high as 20%. In order to tackle this problem, we reached out to Senator Elfreth's office in August to explain our concerns and to advocate for a diaper tax exemption bill. We believe this is a step in the right direction to help young families. We were excited to hear that this bill now has bi-partisan support. If this bill is passed, it will save Maryland families \$12 million a year. We ask for your support for the passage of SB316.

Thank you.