
Planned Parenthood of Maryland

Committee: Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 316

Title: Sales and Use Tax - Diapers - Exemption

Hearing: February 8, 2022

Position: Support

Planned Parenthood of Maryland supports *Senate Bill 316 - Sales and Use Tax - Diapers – Exemption*. Diapers are a necessary expense for families with young children. In 2021, there were 213,892 infants and toddlers in Maryland under the age of three and an estimated 26% of these children live in families at or below 200% the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).¹ On average, a monthly supply of diapers costs approximately \$80 – an expensive necessity for families working to make ends meet.² By removing the sales tax on diapers, The legislation would support the health and well-being of low-income Maryland families. Without diapers, a parent cannot go to work, thereby further harming a family’s ability to stay or become economically secure. Making diapers more affordable will support Maryland families’ ability to have children and raise their children in a healthy environment, which is an essential testament to reproductive freedom.

We ask for a favorable vote on this legislation. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at (443) 926-3443 or relliott@policypartners.net.

¹ [*Maryland Diaper Facts*](#). National Diaper Bank Network. March 2021.

² Ibid.