

Testimony in Support of HB 168

Human Services – Temporary Cash Assistance – Calculation of Benefits

Hearing Before the House Appropriations Committee

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My name is Kendra James and I receive TCA and live in Section 8 housing in Baltimore City.

I think it's fair to say we all have felt the effects of inflation.... Some of us feel it more than others.... Yes, I do receive food stamps however eggs are like \$6. I have a 4-person household with me being the only adult. And some months my food stamps don't carry me to the next deposit and I have to spend money on food. Now 60 dollars may not seem like much, but for my household it would mean being short on my BGE bill so I can get milk, bread, sandwich meat, and water for my household while I wait for my next EBT deposit. I am so grateful for all the assistance my family receives as I work hard at becoming more self sufficient. Please consider helping us help ourselves and vote in favor of HB 168.

Thanks for letting me share.