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| WITNESS NAME: ASHLEY ALLISON | | PHONE NUMBER: |
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I am on the staff of HappyBottoms, Kansas City's diaper bank. I am in full support of H.B. 2384. HappyBottoms relies on tax credits to generate critical funding for programs that provide clean diapers to more than 5,000 children each month. If the sunset is not extended, the ability to meet the demand in our community would be negatively impacted. Diapers are not covered by government assistance programs like food stamps, WIC, or Medicaid, so diaper banks are the only safety net for many families. Extending the sunset on the tax credits is essential for diaper banks to continue to receive the funding they need to serve families. Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.



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| WITNESS NAME: BRITTANY BRUNGARDT | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: HAPPYBOTTOMS | | TITLE: SENIOR PROGRAM COORDINATOR |
| ADDRESS: | | |
| CITY: KANSAS CITY | | STATE: MO |
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| EMAIL: brittany@happybottoms.org | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 2/21/2024 12:16 PM |
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| WITNESS NAME: DARIN ROTH | | PHONE NUMBER: |
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| EMAIL: darinroth@boydgaming.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 2/21/2024 11:21 AM |
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| WITNESS NAME: GAY LITTEKEN | | PHONE NUMBER: 573-819-5914 | |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: FIRST CHANCE FOR CHILDREN | | TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | |
| ADDRESS: 1002 FAY STREET | | | |
| CITY: COLUMBIA | | STATE: MO | ZIP: 65201 |
| EMAIL: | ATTENDANCE: | SUBMIT DATE: 2/22/2024 12:00 AM | |
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| WITNESS NAME: JANELLE RICHARDSON | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
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| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: j.derichardson@gmail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 2/22/2024 8:27 AM |
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Diapers are a basic necessity for families with infants and young children. The financial burden imposed by the recurring costs of diapers can be substantial, particularly for low-income households. By providing a tax credit on diapers, we have the opportunity to alleviate financial strain for struggling families, ensuring that every child has access to clean and safe diapers. The implementation of a diaper tax credit can lead to positive ripple effects throughout our state. As families experience a reduction in financial stress, they are better positioned to contribute to our local economy. This measure goes beyond mere economic relief; it fosters the health and hygiene of our youngest citizens. Adequate diapering is essential for the physical well-being of infants and toddlers, preventing a range of health issues. By supporting families in meeting this fundamental need, we are investing in the future health and development of the next generation. I urge each of you to consider the positive implications of this proposal and join me in this incitive. Thank you.



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| WITNESS NAME: KAYLEA DENNIS | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: | |
| ADDRESS: | | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: | ZIP: |
| EMAIL: kaylea@happybottoms.org | ATTENDANCE: Written | | SUBMIT DATE: 2/21/2024 11:32 AM |
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I am on the staff of HappyBottoms, Kansas City's diaper bank. I am in full support of H.B. 2384. I have actively seen countless families benefit from receiving assistance from our diaper bank. We have testimony after testimony of parents saying they couldn't send their kid to daycare or go to work or pay their utilities if they also had to buy diapers and how HappyBottoms has made it possible for them to get to a better life. The need in the KC metro area is huge and we are expanding to meet the need. If the sunset provisions of the diaper bank tax credit are not extended, HappyBottoms would lose \$200,000 in donations, an amount that is critical for funding of programs that provide clean diapers to more than 5,000 children each month. In total, the diaper banks of Missouri, who provided nearly 10 million diapers to families in need in 2023, would lose \$1,000,000 in donations. Diapers are not covered by government assistance programs like food stamps, WIC, or Medicaid, so diaper banks are the only safety net for many families. Extending the sunset on the tax credits is essential for diaper banks to continue to receive the funding they need to serve families. Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.



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| WITNESS NAME: KRISTAL RONNEBAUM | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: kristal.honeydewskc@gmail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 2/21/2024 8:09 PM |

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| WITNESS NAME: LON J LOWENSTEIN | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: | |
| ADDRESS: | | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: | ZIP: |
| EMAIL: lon.lowenstein@yahoo.com | | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 2/21/2024 11:21 AM |

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I am on the board and the treasurer of HappyBottoms, Kansas City’s diaper bank. I am in full support of H.B. 2384. If the sunset provisions of the diaper bank tax credit are not extended, HappyBottoms would lose \$200,000 in donations, an amount that is critical for funding of programs that provide clean diapers to more than 5,000 children each month. In 2023 my wife and I personally gave \$25,000 to HappyBottoms, an amount that we would not have been otherwise able to give with these tax credits. In total, the diaper banks of Missouri, who provided nearly 10 million diapers to families in need in 2023, would lose \$1,000,000 in donations. Diapers are not covered by government assistance programs like food stamps, WIC, or Medicaid, so diaper banks are the only safety net for many families. Extending the sunset on the tax credits is essential for diaper banks to continue to receive the funding they need to serve families. Thank you for your consideration of this most important legislation.



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| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION: | | |
| WITNESS NAME: LORI HAYS | | PHONE NUMBER: 913-957-8104 |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: HAPPYBOTTOMS | | TITLE: FINANCE DIRECTOR |
| ADDRESS: 303 W 79TH ST | | |
| CITY: KANSAS CITY | | STATE: MO |
| | | ZIP: 64114 |
| EMAIL: lori@happybottoms.org | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 2/21/2024 11:31 AM |

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I am the finance director at HappyBottoms, Kansas City's diaper bank. I am in full support of H.B. 2384. If the sunset provisions of the diaper bank tax credit are not extended, HappyBottoms would lose \$200,000 in donations, an amount that is critical for funding of programs that provide clean diapers to more than 5,000 children each month. In total, the diaper banks of Missouri, who provided nearly 10 million diapers to families in need in 2023, would lose \$1,000,000 in donations. Diapers are not covered by government assistance programs like food stamps, WIC, or Medicaid, so diaper banks are the only safety net for many families. Extending the sunset on the tax credits is essential for diaper banks to continue to receive the funding they need to serve families. Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.



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| WITNESS NAME: MOLLY KERR | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: | |
| ADDRESS: | | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: | ZIP: |
| EMAIL: mkerr@bokf.com | | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 2/21/2024 11:12 AM |

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I am the Board Chair of HappyBottoms, Kansas City’s diaper bank. I am in full support of H.B. 2384. If the sunset provisions of the diaper bank tax credit are not extended, HappyBottoms would lose \$200,000 in donations, an amount that is critical for funding of programs that provide clean diapers to more than 5,000 children each month. In total, the diaper banks of Missouri, who provided nearly 10 million diapers to families in need in 2023, would lose \$1,000,000 in donations. Diapers are not covered by government assistance programs like food stamps, WIC, or Medicaid, so diaper banks are the only safety net for many families. Extending the sunset on the tax credits is essential for diaper banks to continue to receive the funding they need to serve families. Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.



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| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION: | | |
| WITNESS NAME: MURIEL SMITH | | PHONE NUMBER: 314-624-0888 |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: ST. LOUIS AREA DIAPER BANK | | TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR |
| ADDRESS: 6141 ETZEL | | |
| CITY: ST. LOUIS | | STATE: MO |
| | | ZIP: 63133 |
| EMAIL: msmith@stldiaperbank.org | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 2/21/2024 7:34 PM |

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My name is Muriel Smith and I am the Executive Director of st. Louis area diaper bank for the past three years we have received the diaper bank tax credits. They have been instrumental in our organization receiving over \$200,000 annually. Without these tax credits, we would not be able to serve the 80,000 families and individuals that will be due every year. them with diapers and period supplies with your basic need items that they require to live a happy healthy and dignified life. I am asking that these tax credits be renewed so that we can continue to have the revenue we need to distribute our resources throughout the St Louis Region.



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| WITNESS NAME: PIA NITZSCHKE | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
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| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: pia.nitzschke@gmail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 2/21/2024 2:13 PM |

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| REGISTERED LOBBYIST: | | |
| WITNESS NAME: RON BERRY | | PHONE NUMBER: 660-537-2239 |
| REPRESENTING: ST. LOUIS AREA DIAPER BANK | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 722 | | |
| CITY: JEFFERSON CITY | | STATE: MO |
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| REGISTERED LOBBYIST: | | | |
| WITNESS NAME: SAMUEL H. LEE | | PHONE NUMBER: 314-368-4242 | |
| REPRESENTING: CAMPAIGN LIFE MISSOURI | | TITLE: DIRECTOR | |
| ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 142585 | | | |
| CITY: ST. LOUIS | | STATE: MO | ZIP: 63114 |
| EMAIL: samuelhlee@mindspring.com | ATTENDANCE: In-Person | SUBMIT DATE: 2/21/2024 9:03 PM | |
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| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION: | | | |
| WITNESS NAME: SUSAN BELGER ANGULO | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: HAPPY BOTTOMS | | TITLE: CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR | |
| ADDRESS: 303 WEST 79TH STREET | | | |
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| WITNESS NAME: TRANNA SHAUGHNESSY | | PHONE NUMBER: 417-522-5799 | |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: DIAPER BANK OF THE OZARKS | | TITLE: PROGRAM MANAGER | |
| ADDRESS: 804 NORTH OLD ORCHARD DRIVE | | | |
| CITY: STRAFFORD | | STATE: MO | ZIP: 65757 |
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| REGISTERED LOBBYIST: | | | |
| WITNESS NAME: VANESSA WELLBERY | | PHONE NUMBER: 314-531-7526 | |
| REPRESENTING: ADVOCATES OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF THE ST. LOUIS REGION & SOUTHWEST MISSOURI | | TITLE: VICE PRESIDENT OF POLICY & ADVOCACY | |
| ADDRESS: 4251 FOREST PARK AVE | | | |
| CITY: ST. LOUIS | | STATE: MO | ZIP: 63108 |
| EMAIL: vanessa.wellbery@ppslr.org | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 2/20/2024 1:19 PM | |
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| WITNESS NAME: ZOEY CRAFT | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: NATIONAL DIAPER BANK NETWORK | | TITLE: MANAGER OF LEGISLATIVE POLICY |
| ADDRESS: | | |
| CITY: NEW HAVEN | | STATE: CT ZIP: 06513 |
| EMAIL: zoey@diaperbanknetwork.org | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 2/21/2024 9:23 AM |
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Dear Members of the House Ways and Means Committee, I write to convey our support of HB 2384 to support the critical work of diaper banks across Missouri. This legislation recognizes the economic importance of clean diapers to children and their families while incentivizing much-needed donations to organizations doing amazing work in their communities every day. The National Diaper Bank Network supports the work of over 225 member diaper banks across all 50 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico. In Missouri, 7 of our diaper banks are hard at work to meet the growing needs of our communities and end diaper need for children and families across the state. HB 2384 would ensure that taxpayers continue to benefit from an existing tax deduction for donations of diapers and other hygiene products for children or infants to charitable entities. This deduction would remain applicable on donated goods or cash designated for these items. Passing this legislation and encouraging further donations for these products would produce three important economic benefits. First, supporting increased donations through the continuation of this incentive would enable local organizations to continue their work to serve greater numbers of families in their communities. Research in Connecticut showed that for every \$10,000 of diaper assistance invested in local families, the total personal income of the families helped increased by \$114,000. Second, 1 in 2 U.S. families struggle to provide enough diapers to keep their baby clean, dry, and healthy. Most child care providers require families to provide a full day's worth of diapers when they drop their child off at the center. When parents are not able to provide the 5-10 diapers required, they are often forced to miss work. This costs the family a day's wages and the employer loses productivity - according to The NDBN Diaper Check 2023, the 25% of caregivers who reported having to miss work or school because they didn't have enough diapers to drop their child off at daycare reported missing out on an average of 5.1 workdays over the past 30 days. Third, children need diapers to stay healthy and avoid infection risks. Children go through six-12 diapers each day during the two to three years they wear diapers. Without enough diapers, infants and toddlers are at risk of skin infections, open sores, urinary tract infections, and other conditions that may require medical attention. Infections or other medical conditions resulting from a lack of these basic necessities are completely preventable. Increasing the resources to provide more of these products to communities in need will help prevent unnecessary medical costs. We urge the House Ways and Means Committee to pass HB 2384, a measure that is vital to supporting the critical work of diaper banks across the state while working to end diaper need for children and families in Missouri. Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter. The National Diaper Bank Network stands ready to support and collaborate with you in any way possible to ensure the successful passage and implementation of this critical legislation. Sincerely, Zoey Craft Manager of Legislative Policy National Diaper Bank Network



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I am Opposed to this Bill and the Use of Tax-Credits. Tax Credits are detrimental to the State Budget, with little to NO Return-On-Investment.