



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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March 31, 2025Special Committee on Tax Reform201 W Capitol AveJefferson City, Missouri 65101Re: HB 1522- SupportDear Members of the Special Committee on Tax Reform, I write to convey our support of HB 1522 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 modifying the existing tax credit program for diaper banks that incentivizes much-needed donations to organizations doing amazing work in their communities every day.The National Diaper Bank Network supports the work of over 240 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 1522 would ensure that taxpayers have the opportunity to benefit from a tax credit for donations of diapers and other hygiene products for children or infants to qualifying diaper banks in Missouri. Passing this legislation and encouraging further donations for these organizations 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 Special Committee on Tax Reform to pass HB 1522, 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, Ariana SmithManager of Legislative PolicyNational



**Diaper Bank Network**





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My name is James McSpadden. I am a resident of St. Louis and the Vice President of the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank Board of Directors. Let me first express my thanks to the Chair and the Committee for allowing me the opportunity to submit written testify today in support of the diaper bank tax credits contained in HB1522. As you know, access to diapers is an essential need for families, particularly for low-income households. Diapers are a basic necessity for infants and toddlers, yet they are not covered by government assistance programs such as SNAP or WIC. This leaves many families struggling to meet their children's needs. Nationwide, over 50% of families with infants report experiencing diaper need at some point, meaning they lack enough diapers to keep their babies clean, dry, and healthy and Missouri is no exception. The St. Louis Area Diaper Bank serves more than 82,000 children annually, providing a vital resource for families in need. The Diaper Bank distributes over 3 million diapers each year across 8 counties in Missouri and Illinois, helping to alleviate the financial burden on families who are already facing the challenges of poverty. This assistance is crucial, as many parents must choose between buying diapers and providing for other basic needs like food or housing. The Missouri diaper bank tax credits are key to helping us accomplish this work. These credits provide a direct and significant benefit to both diaper banks and the families we serve, allowing us to raise much-needed funds more effectively, directly enhancing our ability to procure and distribute diapers to families in need. By incentivizing donations through these credits, we can increase public support, strengthen community partnerships, and ultimately meet a greater portion of the growing demand for diaper assistance. Since the credits sunset last year, we are seeing just how important they are. We have several donors who are holding their donations because the credit is not available. Without this funding we: • Can't buy as many diapers • Can't distribute what our partners require for their clients and the community • Must watch as families continue to struggle with diaper need when they cannot go to work, enroll their kids in daycare, or adequately contribute to the economy. Investing in diaper bank credits is an investment in the well-being of Missouri's children and families. It is a step toward ensuring that no child has to go without the most basic necessity: clean diapers. I urge you to pass these bills and make a meaningful difference in the lives of families in our state. Thank you for your consideration and support to end diaper need in our state. James McSpadden Vice President, St. Louis Area Diaper Bank Board of Directors 23 Lawn Place St. Louis, MO 63110 jmcspadden12@gmail.com





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