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Dear Council Members,

Attached is a letter of support for CB17-2015 that I am submitting on behalf of the Association of Community Services.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Howard County Council Public Legislative Hearing  
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**CB 17-2015: Healthy Food and Beverage Options**

Dear Chairwoman Sigaty and Council Members,

I appreciate the opportunity to convey the Association of Community Services' support of Council Bill 17-2015.

ACS, further, is appreciative of the legislation's potential to make healthy vending machine options more affordable for the low-income families that our ACS members serve. Many ACS members serve low-income families who suffer disproportionately from chronic health conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. CB 17-2015's attention to direct attention to healthy options when selecting vended beverages and snacks can help these adults, children and entire families maintain a healthy diet and better manage these life limiting and costly conditions.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joan Driessen*

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