

CAB Advocacy - Fiscal Year 2025
July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Advocacy:

CAB and Agency Priorities

- October 16, 2024 - Dr. Johnson testified on behalf of the CAB at the annual County Council HHS Committee Worksession for Boards, Committees, and Commissions. The CAB's testimony focused on staffing needs, the Working Families Income Supplement, and Early Care and Education.
- November 2024 - CAB submitted a letter to County Executive Elrich, which outlined the Board's priorities for FY26, along with a request for a meeting. Dr. Johnson also reached out to Dr. Bridgers, the Director of DHHS, to discuss the board's priorities.
- December 20, 2024 - Dr. Johnson joined staff for a meeting with County Executive Elrich to discuss our ongoing agency needs.
- April 8, 2025 – Erika testified on behalf of the CAB at the County Council budget hearing, highlighting the board's key priorities for FY26.

Food Security

- December 10, 2024 – The EC voted to support a sign-on letter drafted by the Montgomery County Food Council to the County Executive. The letter requested support for food service providers, food producers, and SNAP outreach efforts.

State Level/Federal Priorities

- November 18, 2024 - Dr. Johnson testified on behalf of the CAB at the Joint House and Senate Delegation Hearing, highlighting the board's state-level priorities. The CAB's priorities align closely with the priorities for the Maryland Community Action Partnership.
- January 15, 2025 – Dr. Johnson, Timothy, Erika, and Kemmesha all participated in MCAP Advocacy Day in Annapolis. Joined by numerous staff members, the event included meetings with Delegate Moon's staff and Delegate Palakovich-Carr to discuss MCAP priorities.
- January 31, 2025 – CAB hosted a virtual meeting with Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins to discuss state level priorities.
- February 2025 – CAB submitted written testimony in support of SB666 - Maryland Community Action Agencies – Funding.
- March 2025 – Dr. Johnson and Kemmesha joined colleagues from MCAP to participate in the National Community Action Foundation's Conference in Washington, DC. The conference included meetings with members of Maryland's Congressional delegation.

Early Care and Education/Head Start

- February 20, 2025 - Rachel testified on behalf of the CAB and HSPPC at the Board of Education meeting. The testimony, submitted jointly by both groups, focused on Early Childhood Education and implementing a mixed delivery system.

Affordable Housing/Renters' Rights

- March 2025 – The CAB submitted written testimony in support of County Council Bill 5-25: Demolition Tax for Affordable Housing Production.
- March 4, 2025 – CAB submitted written testimony and Dr. Johnson testified on behalf of the CAB in support of County Council Bill 6-25: Consumer Protection - Defective Tenancies as Deceptive Trade Practices.
- February 2025 – CAB submitted written testimony in support of HB709/SB651 - Landlord and Tenant - Residential Leases and Holdover Tenancies - Local Good Cause Termination (Good Cause Eviction).

Tax Credits

- February 2025 – CAB submitted written testimony in support of HB708/SB668 - Earned Income Tax Credit - Individuals Without Qualifying Children – Eligibility.
- February 2025 – CAB submitted written testimony in support of HB1014/SB859 - Fair Share for Maryland Act of 2025.
- April 2025 - The CAB sign-on letter in support of full funding for the Working Families Income Supplement was submitted to County Council. 16 organizations joined the letter this year.

Immigrant Rights

- February 2025 – CAB submitted written testimony in support of HB1431/SB977 - State and Local Agencies - Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law - Restrictions on Access to Information (Maryland Data Privacy Act).
- February 2025 – CAB submitted written testimony in support of HB1006/SB828 - Immigration Enforcement - Sensitive Locations - Guidelines and Policies (Protecting Sensitive Locations Act).