

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF S.B. No.163 (RAISED),

An Act Concerning a **STATE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT**

Hi my name is Marilyn Dunkley. My husband and I have 6 children (15, 11, 10, 7, 4 yr old and an 11-month old baby) and I am a stay-at-home mom. When I first heard of the EITC I thought why in the world would the government want to give [money to] us "poor people" we would just spend it and we should save it and put it in the bank. Then I was told more about it and understood that the reason why the government wanted to give us money is because we will spend it right a way and it will go right back in to the economy. Well I can say for my family that a hundred dollars would help my family let alone \$300 that would be a down payment on a dryer and or a used dryer, I have to hang all our laundry down stairs in our basement and with 6 children I do a-lot of wash (one of which is a teenager). We could also use that money to pay off our security deposit for our new house, or buy clothes for all my fast growing children, or to get my license, or dressers for the kids. I could right [write] a book on the things my family needs, we live pay check to pay check, with diapers and food, life as a big family is hard and we [are] all under payed, hard working family's need a tax break.

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