

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

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

My name is Valarie Smith and I work for St Vincent DePaul Place as an outreach worker. I meet with a lot of families, single Moms, and single Dads.

Over my eighteen years working for St. Vincent DePaul Place, I have seen the earned income tax credit help mothers furnish their apartments where they may have come out of a homeless shelter and have gotten their life back on track by working. I have seen where they were able to buy a car to get back and forth to work. Their children have had to wait until tax time to get clothes for school because they have out-grown the old ones but have to wait until Mom or Dad gets their taxes back to go shopping for the family.

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