

My name is Sharon Bradford, and I am a social worker with Support for Pregnant & Parenting Teens Program. In the program, which currently serves 54 student parents and/or pregnant teens, we provide diapers to satisfy the need of most of the teen parents. All the teens reside in New Haven which is among the most impoverished cities in our country. Many of the teens come from single parent households where their moms are working one or two jobs to make ends meet. If a diaper tax is passed, this might eliminate some of the supplies of diapers that are afforded the teen parents. I am not in favor of this tax and would hope that if your child were in this predicament, the cost of diapers would remain at a reasonable cost for our program and our teen parents.