

TEMPLATE LETTER | TANF Hygiene Access Act (H.R. 7367)

Urging Your U.S. House Representative to Co-Sponsor H.R. 7367

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✉ **YOUR LETTER BEGINS BELOW**

[Date]

The Honorable **[Representative's Full Name]**

U.S. House of Representatives

[Office Address, Washington DC or District Office]

Dear Representative **[Last Name]**,

I am writing on behalf of **[Organization Name]**, a hygiene bank serving **[City/County/Region]**. We distribute essential hygiene products, including **[soap, diapers, period products, and household necessities]** to low-income families in our community who cannot afford them. Last year alone, we supported **[X families / X individuals]**, distributing **[X products]** at no cost, helping to stretch real family budgets.

I am writing to respectfully urge you to co-sponsor **H.R. 7367, the TANF Hygiene Access Act**, introduced by Representatives Michael Lawler (R-NY-17) and Sarah McBride (D-DE).

What This Bill Would Do

For families receiving TANF cash assistance, everyday essentials like diapers, soap, and period products often get squeezed out by rent, utilities, and other unavoidable costs and there's simply nothing available for hygiene. H.R. 7367 takes direct aim at that gap. Over a five-year pilot, it would:

- Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to award competitive grants to close support essential hygiene access for low-income families
- Require grantees to partner directly with basic needs organizations like ours to get supplies into people's hands in a structured and tested way.
- Recognize hygiene needs broadly, which is critical to cover all types of appropriate hygiene needs.
- Scale funding over time, starting at \$25 million in year one, rising to \$30 million in years two and three, and reaching \$32.5 million annually by years four and five

Why This Matters in Our Community

Hygiene insecurity is a real and urgent problem in **[Your District/Community]**. Families with limited income often cannot afford basic hygiene products and they face impossible choices between food, rent, and the items needed for basic dignity and health. **[Optional: Add 1–2 sentences of local data or a brief story that illustrates this need.]**

Hygiene access is a public health issue that benefits everyone in our community, not just the families who receive direct support. When people have reliable access to basic hygiene products, we see fewer preventable illnesses, better school and work attendance, and stronger overall community health. Investing in hygiene access is investing in the wellbeing of our entire district, not a narrow benefit for a small group.

As a hygiene bank, a part of the Hygiene Bank Association™ network, we see this need firsthand. We are exactly the kind of community partner this legislation is designed to work with and if our state were selected for the pilot program, we would be ready to participate and help demonstrate what works.

My Ask

I respectfully ask that you co-sponsor H.R. 7367, the TANF Hygiene Access Act, and advocate for its progress through the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Families in our community shouldn't have to choose between paying rent and affording soap or diapers and this bill offers a real, tested path toward closing that gap.

I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you or your staff about the work we do in **[Your Community]** and the difference this legislation could make. Please feel free to contact me at **[Your Phone Number]** or **[Your Email Address]**.

Thank you for your time and your service to our community.

Sincerely,

[Your Full Name]

[Your Title]

[Organization Name]

[Address]

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