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General assistance has been assisting me will I have been working on my recovery from active addiction without their assistance I truly would have had no hope the programs I were in didn't allow me to work so I was unable to work and pay rent in general assistance husband peace to my recovery because without them I would be in Jeopardy everyday on the streets not knowing where I was going to sleep at night and was the help that general assistance provide this truly life-changing a year ago I had just gotten sober in general assistance has been providing me with assistance since then in numerous ways whether it be and helping me pay rent so I have a roof over my head and a warm bed to sleep in or in non-perishable vouchers so I can get my feminine products and hygiene products that I need they also have given me the ability and knowledge of the career centers in local towns to help me get back on my feet so I no longer need their help they are not only to help us in the moment but also to help us grow so we can become productive members of society again. General assistance is definitely a lifesaver and without them I most likely would not be sober today because I would have been left to the streets and my own devices and that would have been deadly for me I feel enacting this bill would cause very many people to fall victim to the disease of addiction that runs rampant to our streets but general assistance helps us get a safe place to sleep at night and the ability to work on ourselves and being working members of society again.