**OREGON ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS  
CONGRESS OF THE MEMBERS  
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Resolution #3**

**Introduced by: Rishi Seshadri, Student at OHSU School of Medicine**

**Subject: Supporting Legislation to Alleviate the Burden of Diaper Need for Needy Families with Young Children**

**WHEREAS**, insufficient access to clean diapers can have serious consequences for babies and parents, including risk of infection and skin breakdown, and financial burdens for needy families, and

**WHEREAS**, diaper access has a significant impact on families, including improved mental health, sleep quality, and productivity, and

**WHEREAS**, funds from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) cannot be used to buy diapers, while Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) is inadequate for this purpose, and

**WHEREAS**, one in three families in the United States struggles to afford clean diapers, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

**RESOLVED**, that the AAFP supports state or federal legislation to alleviate the burden of diaper need for needy families with young children, and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the OAFP supports state legislation to alleviate the burden of diaper need for needy families with young children.

AMENDMENT ACCEPTED

Adopted as amended.

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