

Dear Members of the House Appropriations Committee:

My name is Renee Z. In August 2022, I experienced over \$3,000 in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits stolen from my Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card. I shared my experiences with the Baltimore Banner and This American Life and the links are below. I support Senate Bill 2 because we need better security of EBT cards to prevent this from happening to other families. I had waited several months to receive SNAP due to agency errors in handling my case, only for my benefits to be stolen shortly after they were deposited on my card. I still have not been reimbursed.

I know the Department of Human Services began replacing benefits stolen as far back as October 1, 2022. Since my benefits were stolen prior to October 1, 2022, I would not receive replacement of benefits unless SB 2 passes. If I could receive the replacement of SNAP benefits, I would be able to finally put enough food in my fridge and freezer.

[The Runaround \(thisamericanlife.org\)](https://www.thisamericanlife.org)

[One woman's quest for justice after almost \\$3,000 of benefits were stolen - The Baltimore Banner](#)

Thank you for your time and consideration. And thank you for your strong support of this legislation.

Please vote in favor of SB 2 (without any amendments).

Thank you,

Renee Z.