

Testimony in Opposition of HB 1434

Department of Human Services - Electronic Benefits Transfer Cards – Restoration of Benefits
Hearing of Senate Finance and Senate Budget & Taxation Committees, March 21, 2024

My name is Gregory Davis, and I am a Baltimore City resident. I am writing to oppose House Bill 1434, which would take away the right of Marylanders to receive reimbursement of stolen food and cash benefits when theft occurs.

I had my benefits stolen from another state even though I had my card with me. We need some type of security because people now know how to steal benefits online. It's not our fault that people steal our benefits, so we should be able to get reimbursement for that.

A lot of us have children, like myself. I have two children. Parents who are on public benefits are on a tight budget. We rely on the SNAP program to live. When those benefits are stolen, what are we going to do to get food?

Those that don't have food to eat or survive and get their benefits stolen experience emotional breakdowns.

I'm showing you my transaction history once I asked DSS for it. My benefits were stolen in California and Arizona.