

REPLACE STOLEN BENEFITS FOR VICTIMS OF SNAP THEFT

“I was so happy to have that money and for it to be gone in... a blink of an eye, I felt like somebody stabbed me in the heart,” she said. “To me it felt like a million dollars — \$600, I can feed my kids.”

- MOM TO BOSTON
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About \$1 million stolen every month from low-income households on SNAP in Massachusetts.

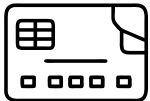


Congress ended replacement of SNAP benefits stolen after December 20, 2024.



Families are stolen from every day

[7,800 families](#) had SNAP stolen and not replaced from January to March 2025. [Victims of theft](#) skip meals and bill payments, incur debt, and use rent funds to buy food.



Chip EBT cards are long term solution

to protect low-income consumers against thieves who take advantage of magnetic-stripe-only EBT cards. We support Gov. Healey's proposed funding in FY25 supp budget (H.4003) for chip cards - but issuing cards to 665,000 SNAP households will take months.



State replacement funding needed now

to reimburse victims of theft until state can implement chip EBT cards.

**Please Cosponsor Amendment #501
to provide \$10M to replace stolen SNAP in FY26.**

Victims of theft should not be left footing the bill when SNAP food benefits are stolen through no fault of their own.