

STREAMLINE THE SHOPPING PROCESS FOR EBT HOLDERS

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Letters to the Editor



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Hi,

I would like to see checkout accept EBT payments for those who use a debit card for any balance not covered by the EBT. Should a person prefer to use cash or have a coupon, then the sale could be suspended and the shopper could proceed to the

cashier. To avoid confusion, signs may be placed at each checkout position indicating EBT is accepted ONLY IF any balance is to be paid by a debit card.

The current situation is discriminatory against the poor, requiring an extra step that should easily be covered by the current checkouts. Swiping two cards is a simple task.

How might this improvement be undertaken? Does it require a vote of the membership?

In an email exchange with Joe Holtz, he expressed some concerns which I believe I have responded to here and I would like wider input on my proposal.

Thanks!

George Carter