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Subject: Fw:PUBLIC COMMENT ON FEDERAL REGISTER feds too stupid or lax to catch any fraudsters - they continue to fake their way into tax \$
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WHN SOMEONE CLAIMS A LOST BENEFIT CARD AND THEY ARE ISSUED A NEW ONE, SOMETIMES 4 IN A YEAR, WHEN THE ORIGINAL ONE IS FOUND DO YOU ASK FOR THE MONEY BACK OR DO YOU THEN HOLD BACK FROM ANOTHER SEGMENT SO THAT THE BENEFICIARY DOESNT GET OVERPAID 4 TIMES OR SO? IF YOU DONT ASK FOR THE MONEY BACK, CERTAINLY CLAIMING LOSS WOULD BE A WAY TO INCREASE SNAP INCOME.

THE FRAUD IN THIS PROGRAM IS MASSIVE. THIS AGENCY DOES NOT DEPLOY ENOUGH LAW ENFORCEMENT OR INVESTIGATION ON THE MONIES THAT ARE GOUGED FROM WORKING TAXPAYERS TO PAY TO BENEFICIARIES. PERPETRATION OF FRAUD SHOULD RESULT IN JAIL FOR 2 YEARS MINIMUM WITH JAIL TIME GOING UP AS THE RESULTS GET MORE SERIOUS. ALL AMERICANS ARE TIRED OF BEING RIPPED OFF BY THIS GIVEAWAY PROGRAM. THIS COMMENT IS FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD. PLEASE REPLY. JEAN PUBLIC1@YAHOO.COM

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> DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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> Food and Nutrition Service
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> Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed
> Collection;
> Comment Request--Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
> Program--Trafficking
> Controls and Fraud Investigations
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> AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.
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> ACTION: Notice.
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> SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of
> 1995, this
> notice invites the general public and other public agencies
> to comment
> on the proposed collection. This is a revision of a
> currently approved
> collection codified by Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
> Program (SNAP)
> regulations at 7 CFR 274.6(b)(5) and 274.6(b)(6).
> Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) regulations at 7 CFR
> 274.6(b)(5)
> allow State agencies to deny a request for a replacement
> SNAP
> Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card until the household
> makes
> contact with the State agency if the requests for
> replacement cards are
> determined to be excessive. The State agency may determine
> the
> threshold for excessive card replacements, not to be less
> than four
> replacement cards in a 12-month period.
> FNS regulations at 274.6(b)(6) require State agencies to
> monitor
> EBT card replacement requests and send notices to households
> when they
> request four cards within a 12-month period. The State
> agency shall be
> exempt from sending this Excessive Replacement Card Notice
> if it adopts
> the card withholding option in accordance with 7 CFR
> 274.6(b)(5) and
> sends the requisite Withholding Replacement Card Warning
> Notice on the
> fourth replacement card request.
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> DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before
> August 23, 2016.

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> ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed
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> information collection is necessary for the proper
> performance of the
> functions of the agency, including whether the information
> has
> practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's
> estimated burden
> for the proposed information collection, including the
> validity of the
> methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the
> quality,
> utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
> (d) ways
> to minimize the burden of the information collection on
> those who are
> to respond, including the use of appropriate automated,
> electronic,
> mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or
> other forms
> of information technology.
> Comments may be sent to Jane Duffield, Branch Chief,
> State
> Administration Branch, Program Accountability and
> Administration
> Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of
> Agriculture,
> 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 818, Alexandria, VA 22302. You
> may also
> download an electronic version of this notice at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/federal-register-documents/rules/view-all>
> and
> comment via email at SNAPSAB@fns.usda.gov.
> Comments will also be
> accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>
> and follow the online instructions for submitting
> comments electronically.
> All written comments will be open for public inspection
> at the
> office of the Food and Nutrition Service during regular
> business hours
> (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park
> Center Drive,
> Room 822, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.
> All comments to this notice will be included in the
> request for
> Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will
> also become
> a matter of public record.
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> FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Request for additional
> information or
> copies of this information collection should be directed to
> Clyde
> Thompson at (703) 305-2461.
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> SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

> Title: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program:

> Trafficking

> Controls and Fraud Investigations.

> OMB Number: 0584-0587.

> Expiration Date: 9/30/2016.

> Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

> Abstract: FNS regulations at 7 CFR 274.6 requires State Agencies to

> issue warning notices to withhold replacement cards or a notice for

> excessive replacement cards.

> Withhold Replacement Card Warning Notice: State agencies

> may

> require an individual member of a household to contact the State agency

> to provide an explanation in cases where the number of requests for

> card replacements is determined excessive. The State agency

> must notify

> the household in writing when it has reached the threshold,

> indicating

> that the next request for card replacement will require the client to

> contact the State agency to provide an explanation for the requests,

> before the replacement card will be issued. The State agency

> must also

> notify the household in writing once the threshold has been exceeded

> and the State agency is withholding the card until contact is made.

> Excessive Replacement Card Notice: State agencies must

> monitor all

> client requests for EBT card replacements and send a notice, upon the

> fourth request in a 12-month period, alerting the household

> their

> account is being monitored for potential, suspicious activity. The

> State agency is exempt from sending this notice if they have chosen to

> exercise the option to withhold the replacement card until contact is

> made with the State agency.

> The current approval annual burden is 8,336 hours. The

> updated

> estimated annual burden is approximately 21,940.41 hours.

> This revised

> estimate reflects an increase since the last OMB approval, due to

> having more accurate figures of State participation and household card

> request. This updated version also includes the time it

> takes a

> household to read the notice required by 274.6(b)(6), which

> was not
 > included in the original burden. FNS estimates that it will
 > take State
 > personnel approximately 2 minutes to generate and mail each
 > required
 > notice to the client, to comply with 7 CFR 274.6; and that
 > it will take
 > SNAP recipients approximately 2 minutes to read each notice
 > they
 > receive and 28 minutes to make contact with the State agency
 > when
 > required. FNS is currently aware of two State agencies which
 > have opted
 > to follow our regulations at 274.6(b)(5) to withhold
 > replacement cards,
 > with an additional State agency considering the option. All
 > other State
 > agencies follow

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 > our regulations at 274.6(b)(6) for the Excessive Replacement
 > Card
 > Notice. Available data from 2015 shows that on average
 > 2,527.5
 > households in a State request five or more replacement cards
 > within 12
 > months. FNS estimates that half of all recipients who
 > receive a notice
 > upon issuance of their fourth card (5,055) will not request
 > a fifth
 > card.

> Annual Reporting Burden Estimates

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 > Affected Public: Individual/Household; and State and
 > Local
 > Government Agencies.

> Estimated Number of Respondents: 275,549.
 > Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.
 > Estimated Total Annual Responses: 550,994.
 > Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 21,940.

> Estimated Annual Burden for 0584-0587
 > Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Trafficking
 > Controls and Fraud, 7 CFR 274

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 > Annual
 > CFR
 > Title Number of responses per Total
 > annual Burden hours Total burden
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 > respondents respondent responses
 > per response hours

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> Affected Public: State and Local Agencies
> 274.6(b)(5)..... Withhold
> Replacement Card          3      5,055
> 15,165      0.0334      506.5
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> Warning Notice.
> 274.6(b)(5)..... Replacement Card
> Withheld          3      2,527.5      7,583
>      0.0334      253.2
>
> Notice.
> 274.6(b)(6)..... Excessive
> Replacement Card          50      5,055
> 252,750      0.0334      8,441.85
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> Notice.
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> Subtotal.....
> .....          53      5,198
> 275,498      0.0334      9,201.55
> Affected Public: Households
> 274.6(b)(5)..... Withhold
> Replacement Card          15,165      1
> 15,165      0.0334      506.5
>
> Warning Notice.
> 274.6(b)(5)..... Replacement Card
> Withheld          7,581      1      7,581
>      0.5      3,790.5
>
> Notice.
> 274.6(b)(5)..... Excessive
> Replacement Card          252,750      1
> 252,750      0.0334      8,441.85
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> Notice.
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> Subtotal.....
> .....          275,496      1
> 275,496      .0462      12,738.85
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> Grand Total.....
> .....          275,549      2
> 550,994      0.0796      21,940.41
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> Dated: June 16, 2016.
> Yvette S. Jackson,
> Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.
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