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I AM WRITING TO URGE THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT TO PROHIBIT CHECK CASHIERS AND OTHER "PAYMENT SERVICE PROVIDERS" FROM PROVIDING RECIPIENTS ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC FEDERAL BENEFITS, AS PART OF EFT '99. CHECK CASHERS PREY UPON LOW-INCOME CONSUMERS AND DENY THEIR CUSTOMERS THE CONSUMER PROTECTIONS PROVIDED AT MAINSTREAM FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. THANK YOU.

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