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Dear Secretary,

I understand that the Treasury Department is requesting comments on whether check cashers should be allowed to receive federal benefits funds via Electronic Fund Transfer. I am opposed to this. Check cashers prey upon low income consumers via extraordinarily high fees and other abusive terms.

A better solution would be to require the banks and credit unions who receive EFT funds to provide low-cost checking to low-income customers.

Sincerely,
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