Protection of Exempt Public Benefits

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- [New Rules Kick In For Social Security And SSI On May 1](#), Apr. 29, 2011
- Consumer Facts: Your Right to Know – [DIRECT EXPRESS® PREPAID DEBIT CARD FOR SOCIAL SECURITY, SSI AND OTHER FEDERAL PAYMENTS](#)
- Effective May 1, a new Treasury rule creates automatic, self-enforcing restrictions on garnishment of electronically-deposited Social Security, SSI and other federal benefits! [This special NCLC REPORTS issue](#) examines all aspects of this new rule protecting exempt funds from garnishment.

Letters

- [Letter](#) Supporting Benefit Card Fairness Act, H.R. 4552, May 2, 2010

Comments

- [Comments](#) and [Appendices](#) on promoting TANF cash access without fees, June 8, 2012.
- [Comments](#) regarding the Interim Final Rule on Garnishment of Accounts Containing Federal Benefit Payments, May 25, 2011
- [Comments](#) by the National Consumer Law Center on behalf of its low income clients as well as Consumer Federation of America and Consumers Union regarding the Interim Final Rule allowing federal payments to be deposited on prepaid cards, April 25, 2011

Testimony

- Testimony of Margot Saunders before the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee re: [Impact on Recipients of the Mandate for Direct Deposit of Social Security Benefits](#), September 12, 2012

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