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Hello,

Currently, the regulations governing the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) do not allow SNAP recipients to pay for freight using their Alaska Quest card when ordering groceries online or over the phone.

Given the geographic and supply chain complexities in Alaska, this is a major issue for SNAP recipients living in rural Alaska.

Alaska Commercial Co. are petitioning the USDA to allow SNAP recipients in villages off the road system in Alaska to pay for freight with their Alaska Quest Card. We will be grateful if you can join us in this petition by signing the attached letter to Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack.

We will be submitting this petition next week. Please email your signed letter to [sbanthia@alaskacommercial.com](mailto:sbanthia@alaskacommercial.com) by Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Kind regards,

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