



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Protecting Your Tax Dollars

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New Yorkers are always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. But we don't like seeing taxpayer money being wasted.

That's why I co-sponsored "The Public Assistance Integrity Act", which will prohibit welfare recipients from misusing Electronic Benefits Transfer Cards (EBTs). Under [Senate Bill 7671](#) there would be no more free cigarettes, alcohol, strip clubs or lottery tickets for welfare card users.

My bill would also prevent individuals from using their EBT card to make ATM withdrawals at places like liquor stores, casinos and strip clubs. This common-sense bill would ensure that families in need get the temporary support they require, while also protecting hardworking taxpayers from abuse.

I hope you will join my efforts to get the State Assembly Speaker to pass this important measure.

Please [contact me](#) with your ideas and feedback.