Boston City Council President calls for SNAP delivery, online purchases

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When the Boston City Council holds a virtual meeting at noon Wednesday, council president Kim Janey plans to offer a resolution in support of expanding SNAP benefits for online and delivery services.

"This is an economic justice issue," Janey said in a statement Tuesday. "It is absolutely unacceptable that we are asking our most economically disadvantaged, who make up many of our essential workers, to put themselves at further risk during this crisis by not being able to shop online with EBT. This is why I am urging our federal partners to act swiftly and reassess their gradual roll-out of the EBT Online Purchasing Program."

Janey's office said six states are piloting an EBT Online Purchasing Program.