

**AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED BY MR. GARAMENDI OF CALIFORNIA TO  
THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUB-  
STITUTE OFFERED BY MR. ROGERS OF KEN-  
TUCKY**

At the end of the amendment (before the short title), insert the following new section:

1 IMPACTS OF FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

2 IN AGRICULTURAL AREAS AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

3 SEC. \_\_\_\_.

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-  
6 trator” means the Administrator of the Federal  
7 Emergency Management Agency.

8 (2) AGRICULTURAL AREA.—The term “agricul-  
9 tural area” means an area in which substantially all  
10 of the land use is agricultural.

11 (3) PROGRAM.—The term “program” means  
12 the national flood insurance program established  
13 under chapter 1 of the National Flood Insurance  
14 Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4011 et seq.).

15 (4) RURAL COMMUNITY.—The term “rural  
16 community” means a community located in an area

1 in which a substantial portion of the economy, cur-  
2 rently is and historically was, based on agricultural  
3 production.

4 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
5 the Secretary of Agriculture.

6 (6) TASK FORCE.—The term “task force”  
7 means the task force established under subsection  
8 (b).

9 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator and the  
10 Secretary shall jointly establish a task force that shall con-  
11 duct a study to analyze the challenges faced by agricul-  
12 tural areas and rural communities designated as areas  
13 having special flood hazards for purposes of the program.

14 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—The task force shall consist of 13  
15 members, of whom—

16 (1) 2 shall be the Administrator and the Sec-  
17 retary, or designees; and

18 (2) 11 shall be appointed jointly by the Admin-  
19 istrator and the Secretary from individuals who are  
20 1 of the following:

21 (A) A member or representative of—

22 (i) a farm or agricultural organiza-  
23 tion;

24 (ii) the insurance, banking, or finan-  
25 cial industry; or

1 (iii) a floodplain management or flood  
2 control organization.

3 (B) A landowner or farmer.

4 (C) An elected official representing an ag-  
5 ricultural area or rural community.

6 (d) REPORT.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
8 the date of enactment of this Act, the task force  
9 shall submit to the Committees on Financial Serv-  
10 ices and Agriculture of the House of Representatives  
11 and the Committees on Banking, Housing, and  
12 Urban Affairs and Agriculture, Nutrition, and For-  
13 estry of the Senate a report regarding the study con-  
14 ducted under subsection (b).

15 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The report shall include  
16 any recommended changes to the program to  
17 strengthen the economic viability and vitality of agri-  
18 cultural areas and rural communities, including an  
19 analysis of and recommendations regarding—

20 (A) the impacts of program building re-  
21 strictions on the agricultural economy;

22 (B) legislative changes to the National  
23 Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4011  
24 et seq.) (including regulations), that might miti-  
25 gate the impacts identified;

1           (C) the feasibility, advantages, and dis-  
2           advantages of the establishment of a new pro-  
3           gram flood zone for agricultural areas and rural  
4           communities;

5           (D) options for lower-cost flood insurance  
6           under the program in agricultural areas and  
7           rural communities and the financial implica-  
8           tions to the program if such insurance were of-  
9           fered; and

10          (E) impacts, if any, of the program on the  
11          total acreage of land used for agricultural pur-  
12          poses.

