

**AMENDMENT TO THE**

**SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5371**

**OFFERED BY MS. SIMON OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of Title IV (Domestic Food Programs) of Division B – *Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026* add the following new section:

**SEC. \_\_. TEMPORARY SNAP FLEXIBILITIES DURING FUNDING GAPS**

- (a) During any lapse in appropriations, the Secretary of Agriculture shall direct State agencies to –
  - 1. Suspend recertification, re-verification, and work-reporting requirements for participants in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and,
  - 2. extent eligibility for affected households by up to 60 days beyond scheduled renewal date.
- (b) The Secretary shall reimburse States for related administrative costs at the regular Federal matching rate.
- (c) This authority shall expire upon enactment of regular appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the applicable fiscal year.