

AMENDMENT

OFFERED BY Ms. Adams

At the end of subtitle A of title IV, add the following (and make such technical and conforming changes as may be appropriate):

1 SEC. 4114. CLOSING THE MEAL GAP.

2 (a) CALCULATION OF PROGRAM BENEFITS USING
3 LOW-COST FOOD PLAN.—

4 (1) DEFINITION OF LOW-COST FOOD PLAN.—

5 Section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
6 U.S.C. 2012) is amended—

7 (A) by striking subsection (u);

8 (B) by redesignating subsections (n)
9 through (t) as subsections (o) through (u), re-
10 spectively; and

11 (C) by inserting after subsection (m) the
12 following:

13 “(n) LOW-COST FOOD PLAN.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘low-cost food
15 plan’ means the diet, determined in accordance with
16 the calculations of the Secretary, required to feed a
17 4-person family that consists of—

1 “(A) a man and a woman who are each be-
2 tween 19 and 50 years of age;

3 “(B) a child who is between 6 and 8 years
4 of age; and

5 “(C) a child who is between 9 and 11
6 years of age.

7 “(2) REEVALUATION.—By December 31, 2029,
8 and at 5-year intervals thereafter, the Secretary
9 shall reevaluate and publish the market baskets of
10 the low-cost food plan, based on current food prices,
11 food composition data, consumption patterns, and
12 dietary guidance.

13 “(3) COST.—For purposes of paragraph (1),
14 the cost of the diet described in that paragraph shall
15 be the basis for uniform allotments for all house-
16 holds regardless of the actual composition of the
17 household, except that the Secretary shall—

18 “(A) make household-size adjustments
19 (based on the unrounded cost of that diet) tak-
20 ing into account economies of scale;

21 “(B) make cost adjustments in the low-
22 cost food plan for the State of Hawaii and the
23 urban and rural parts of the State of Alaska to
24 reflect the cost of food in Hawaii and urban
25 and rural Alaska, respectively; and

1 “(C) on October 1, 2026, and each Octo-
2 ber 1 thereafter, adjust the cost of the diet to
3 reflect the cost of the diet in the immediately
4 preceding June, and round the result to the
5 nearest lower-dollar increment for each house-
6 hold size.”.

7 (2) VALUE OF ALLOTMENT.—Section 8(a) of
8 the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.
9 2017(a)) is amended—

10 (A) by striking “thrifty food plan” each
11 place it appears and inserting “low-cost food
12 plan”; and

13 (B) in the proviso, by striking “8 percent”
14 and inserting “10 percent”.

15 (3) QUALITY CONTROL SYSTEM.—Section
16 16(c)(1)(A)(ii) of the Food and Nutrition Act of
17 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025(c)(1)(A)(ii)) is amended—

18 (A) in subclause (II)—

19 (i) by striking “thrifty food plan is
20 adjusted under section 3(u)(4)” and insert-
21 ing “low-cost food plan is adjusted under
22 section 3(n)(3)(D)”; and

23 (ii) by striking “2013” and inserting
24 “2026”;

1 (B) by redesignating subclause (II) as sub-
2 clause (III); and

3 (C) by striking subclause (I) and inserting
4 the following:

5 “(I) for fiscal year 2026, at an
6 amount not greater than \$50;

7 “(II) for fiscal year 2027, the
8 amount specified in subclause (I) ad-
9 justed by the difference between the
10 thrifty food plan (as defined in section
11 3 (as in effect on the day before the
12 date of enactment of the Farm, Food,
13 and National Security Act of 2026))
14 and the low-cost food plan; and”.

15 (4) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

16 (A) Section 10 of the Food and Nutrition
17 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2019) is amended, in the
18 first sentence, by striking “3(o)(4)” and insert-
19 ing “3(p)(4)”.

20 (B) Section 11 of the Food and Nutrition
21 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2020) is amended—

22 (i) in subsection (a)(2), by striking
23 “3(s)(1)” and inserting “3(t)(1)”;

24 (ii) in subsection (d)—

1 (I) by striking “3(s)(1)” each
2 place it appears and inserting
3 “3(t)(1)”;

4 (II) by striking “3(s)(2)” each
5 place it appears and inserting
6 “3(t)(2)”;

7 (III) by striking “Act (25 U.S.C.
8 450)” and inserting “and Education
9 Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 3501 et
10 seq.)”; and

11 (iii) in subsection (e)(17), by striking
12 “3(s)(1)” and inserting “3(t)(1)”.

13 (C) Section 19(a)(2)(A)(ii) of the Food
14 and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.
15 2028(a)(2)(A)(ii)) is amended by striking
16 “thrifty food plan has been adjusted under sec-
17 tion 3(u)(4)” and inserting “low-cost food plan
18 has been adjusted under section 3(n)(3)(D)”.

19 (D) Section 27(a)(2) of the Food and Nu-
20 trition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)(2)) is
21 amended—

22 (i) in subparagraph (C), by inserting
23 “(as in effect on the day before the date of
24 enactment of the Farm, Food, and Na-

1 tional Security Act of 2026” after “section
2 3(u)(4)”;

3 (ii) in subparagraph (D)(ix), by strik-
4 ing “and” at the end;

5 (iii) by redesignating subparagraph
6 (E) as subparagraph (F);

7 (iv) by inserting after subparagraph
8 (D) the following:

9 “(E) for fiscal year 2026, the sum ob-
10 tained by adding—

11 “(i) the dollar amount of commodities
12 specified in subparagraph (B) adjusted by
13 the percentage by which the low-cost food
14 plan has been adjusted under section
15 3(u)(4) between June 30, 2021, and June
16 30 of the immediately preceding fiscal
17 year; and

18 “(ii) \$35,000,000; and”;

19 (v) in subparagraph (F) (as so redesi-
20 gnated), by striking “subparagraph
21 (D)(ix) adjusted by the percentage by
22 which the thrifty food plan has been ad-
23 justed under section 3(u)(4)” and inserting
24 “subparagraph (F) adjusted by the per-
25 centage by which the low-cost food plan

1 has been adjusted under section
2 3(n)(3)(D)”.

3 (E) Section 408(a)(12)(B)(i) of the Social
4 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 608(a)(12)(B)(i)) is
5 amended by striking “(r)” each place it ap-
6 pears.

7 (b) DEDUCTIONS FROM INCOME.—

8 (1) STANDARD MEDICAL EXPENSE DEDUC-
9 TION.—Section 5(e)(5) of the Food and Nutrition
10 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014(e)(5)) is amended—

11 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking
12 “EXCESS MEDICAL” and inserting “MEDICAL”;

13 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “an
14 excess medical” and all that follows through the
15 period at the end and inserting “a standard
16 medical deduction or a medical expense deduc-
17 tion of actual costs for the allowable medical ex-
18 penses incurred by the elderly or disabled mem-
19 ber, exclusive of special diets.”;

20 (C) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking
21 “excess”; and

22 (D) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(D) STANDARD MEDICAL EXPENSE DE-
24 DUCTION AMOUNT.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-
2 vided in clause (ii), the standard medical
3 expense deduction shall be—

4 “(I) for fiscal year 2026, \$140;
5 and

6 “(II) for each subsequent fiscal
7 year, equal to the applicable amount
8 for the immediately preceding fiscal
9 year as adjusted to reflect changes for
10 the 12-month period ending the pre-
11 ceding June 30 in the Consumer Price
12 Index for All Urban Consumers: Med-
13 ical Care published by the Bureau of
14 Labor Statistics of the Department of
15 Labor.

16 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—For any fiscal
17 year, a State agency may establish a great-
18 er standard medical expense deduction
19 than described in clause (i) if the greater
20 deduction satisfies cost neutrality stand-
21 ards established by the Secretary for that
22 fiscal year.”.

23 (2) ELIMINATION OF CAP OF EXCESS SHELTER
24 EXPENSES.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 5(e)(6) of the
2 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.
3 2014(e)(6)) is amended—

4 (i) by striking subparagraph (B); and
5 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs
6 (C) and (D) as subparagraphs (B) and
7 (C), respectively.

8 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
9 2605(f)(2)(A) of the Low-Income Home Energy
10 Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C.
11 8624(f)(2)(A)) is amended by striking
12 “5(e)(6)(C)(iv)(I) of that Act (7 U.S.C.
13 2014(e)(6)(C)(iv)(I))” and inserting
14 “5(e)(6)(B)(iv)(I) of that Act (7 U.S.C.
15 2014(e)(6)(B)(iv)(I))”.

16 (c) ELIMINATION OF TIME LIMIT.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 6 of the Food and
18 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015) is amend-
19 ed—

20 (A) by striking subsection (o); and

21 (B) by redesignating subsections (p)
22 through (s) as subsections (o) through (r), re-
23 spectively.

24 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

1 (A) Section 5(a) of the Food and Nutrition
2 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014(a)) is amended, in
3 the second sentence, by striking “(r)” and in-
4 serting “(q)”.

5 (B) Section 6(d)(4) of the Food and Nutri-
6 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(d)(4)) is
7 amended—

8 (i) in subparagraph
9 (B)(ii)(I)(bb)(DD), by striking “or sub-
10 section (o)”;

11 (ii) in subparagraph (N), by striking
12 “or subsection (o)” each place it appears.

13 (C) Section 7(i)(1) of the Food and Nutri-
14 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2016(i)(1)) is
15 amended by striking “section 6(o)(2) of this
16 Act or”.

17 (D) Section 16(h) of the Food and Nutri-
18 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025(h)) is amend-
19 ed—

20 (i) in paragraph (1)—

21 (I) in subparagraph (B), in the
22 matter preceding clause (i), by strik-
23 ing “that—” and all that follows
24 through the period at the end of
25 clause (ii) and inserting “that is de-

1 terminated and adjusted by the Sec-
2 retary.”;

3 (II) by striking subparagraph
4 (E);

5 (III) by redesignating subpara-
6 graph (F) as subparagraph (E); and

7 (IV) in clause (ii)(III)(ee)(AA) of
8 subparagraph (E) (as so redesign-
9 dated), by striking “, individuals sub-
10 ject to the requirements under section
11 6(o),”; and

12 (ii) in paragraph (5)(C)—

13 (I) in clause (ii), by adding
14 “and” at the end;

15 (II) in clause (iii), by striking “;
16 and” and inserting a period; and

17 (III) by striking clause (iv).

18 (E) Section 51(d)(8)(A)(ii) of the Internal
19 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

20 (i) in subclause (I), by striking “, or”
21 at the end and inserting a period;

22 (ii) in the matter preceding subclause
23 (I), by striking “family—” and all that fol-
24 lows through “receiving” in subclause (I)
25 and inserting “family receiving”; and

1 (iii) by striking subclause (II).

2 (F) Section 103(a)(2) of the Workforce In-
3 novation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3113)
4 is amended—

5 (i) by striking subparagraph (D); and

6 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs
7 (E) through (K) as subparagraphs (D)
8 through (J), respectively.

9 (G) Section 121(b)(2)(B) of the Workforce
10 Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
11 3151) is amended—

12 (i) by striking clause (iv); and

13 (ii) by redesignating clauses (v)
14 through (vii) as clauses (iv) through (vi),
15 respectively.

