

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8646, AS REPORTED**  
**OFFERED BY MR. BELL OF MISSOURI**

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

1       SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. (a) INTERAGENCY FOOD SECURITY  
2 MEASUREMENT PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Agri-  
3 culture, in coordination with the Director of the Census  
4 Bureau, shall establish and maintain an interagency food  
5 security measurement program to coordinate the annual  
6 collection, analysis, and reporting of data on food insecu-  
7 rity and hunger.

8       (b) REPORTING.—

9           (1) POPULATION SURVEY.—The Current Popu-  
10 lation Survey conducted by the Bureau of the Cen-  
11 sus shall include a food security supplement con-  
12 sistent with the questionnaire issued in 2023 that  
13 includes the questions described in paragraph (3) for  
14 the years 2026 through 2028 and continuing there-  
15 after with questions substantially similar to those  
16 described in paragraph (3) with any amendments to  
17 the questions predicated upon robust testing, and  
18 thorough review, public input, and Office of Manage-  
19 ment and Budget clearance.

1           (2) AGRICULTURE ANNUAL REPORTS.—The  
2           Secretary of Agriculture shall, with respect to the  
3           annual report issued pursuant to subsection (a)—

4                   (A) include the findings related to the  
5                   questions described in paragraph (3);

6                   (B) make the report publicly available on  
7                   the website of the Department; and

8                   (C) submit such report to Congress.

9           (3) QUESTIONS DESCRIBED.—The questions de-  
10          scribed in this paragraph are as follows:

11                   (A) Was the answer often, sometimes, or  
12                   never true for you in the last 12 months for  
13                   each of the following:

14                           (i) We worried whether our food  
15                           would run out before we got money to buy  
16                           more.

17                           (ii) The food that we bought just  
18                           didn't last and we didn't have money to  
19                           get more.

20                           (iii) We couldn't afford to eat bal-  
21                           anced meals.

22                   (B) In the last 12 months, did you or  
23                   other adults in the household ever cut the size  
24                   of your meals or skip meals because there  
25                   wasn't enough money for food?

1 (C) If the answer is yes with respect to  
2 subparagraph (B), how often did this happen—  
3 almost every month, some months but not every  
4 month, or in only 1 or 2 months?

5 (D) In the last 12 months, did you ever  
6 eat less than you felt you should because there  
7 wasn't enough money for food?

8 (E) In the last 12 months, were you ever  
9 hungry, but didn't eat, because there wasn't  
10 enough money for food?

11 (F) In the last 12 months, did you lose  
12 weight because there wasn't enough money for  
13 food?

14 (G) In the last 12 months, did you or  
15 other adults in your household ever not eat for  
16 a whole day because there wasn't enough money  
17 for food?

18 (H) If the answer is yes to subparagraph  
19 (G), how often did this happen—almost every  
20 month, some months but not every month, or in  
21 only 1 or 2 months?

22 (I) In the case of a household that includes  
23 children ages 0 to 17, the following additional  
24 questions:

1 (i) Was the answer often, sometimes,  
2 or never true for you in the last 12 months  
3 for each of the following:

4 (I) We relied on only a few kinds  
5 of low-cost food to feed our children  
6 because we were running out of  
7 money to buy food.

8 (II) We couldn't feed our chil-  
9 dren a balanced meal, because we  
10 couldn't afford that.

11 (III) The children were not eat-  
12 ing enough because there wasn't  
13 enough money for food.

14 (ii) In the last 12 months, did you  
15 ever cut the size of any of the children's  
16 meals because there wasn't enough money  
17 for food?

18 (iii) In the last 12 months, were the  
19 children ever hungry because there wasn't  
20 enough money for food?

21 (iv) In the last 12 months, did any of  
22 the children ever skip a meal because there  
23 wasn't enough money for food?

24 (v) If the answer is yes to clause (iv),  
25 how often did this happen—almost every

1 month, some months but not every month,  
2 or in only 1 or 2 months?

3 (vi) In the last 12 months, did any of  
4 the children ever not eat for a whole day  
5 because there wasn't enough money for  
6 food?

