AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. BLUMENAUER OF OREGON

Strike section 4203 and insert the following new section:

SEC. 4203. EXPANDING HEALTHY FOOD FINANCING INITIATIVE.
(a) INCLUSION OF INVESTMENTS IN MID-TIER VALUE CHAIN COORDINATION.—Section 243 of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6953) is amended—
(1) in subsection (a)—
(A) by inserting ‘‘, to build and sustain mid-tier value chain coordination’’ after ‘‘quality jobs’’; and
(B) by inserting ‘‘and local and regional food supply networks’’ after ‘‘healthy food retailers’’; and
(2) in subsection (c)(2)—
(A) in subparagraph (B)—
(i) by striking ‘‘and’’ at the end of clause (i);
(ii) by redesignating clause (ii) as clause (iii); and
(iii) by inserting after clause (ii) the following new clause:

“(ii) to link farmers, ranchers, and fisheries with local and regional food supply networks moving agricultural products of mid-tier value chains to consumers in underserved areas with moderate- and low-income populations; and”; and

(B) in subparagraph (C)(ii)—

(i) by redesignating subclause (VI) as subclause (VII); and

(ii) by inserting after subclause (V) the following new subclause:

“(VI) The project creates or strengthens a mid-tier value chain.”.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 243(b) of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6953(b)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through (7) as paragraphs (4) through (8), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph:

“(3) MID-TIER VALUE CHAIN.—The term ‘mid-tier value chain’ has the meaning given the term in
section 231 of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act
of 2000 (7 U.S.C. 1632a).”.

(c) AVAILABILITY OF MANDATORY FUNDING.—Sub-
section (d) of section 243 of the Department of Agri-
culture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6953) is
amended to read as follows:

“(d) FUNDING.—Of the funds of the Commodity
Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall use to carry out
the Initiative $50,000,000, to remain available until ex-
pended, for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023.”.