

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

Strike section 4203 and insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 4203. EXPANDING HEALTHY FOOD FINANCING INITIA-**  
2 **TIVE.**

3 (a) INCLUSION OF INVESTMENTS IN MID-TIER  
4 VALUE CHAIN COORDINATION.—Section 243 of the De-  
5 partment of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7  
6 U.S.C. 6953) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) by inserting “, to build and sustain  
9 mid-tier value chain coordination” after “qual-  
10 ity jobs”; and

11 (B) by inserting “and local and regional  
12 food supply networks” after “healthy food re-  
13 tailers”; and

14 (2) in subsection (c)(2)—

15 (A) in subparagraph (B)—

16 (i) by striking “and” at the end of  
17 clause (i);

18 (ii) by redesignating clause (ii) as  
19 clause (iii); and

1 (iii) by inserting after clause (ii) the  
2 following new clause:

3 “(ii) to link farmers, ranchers, and  
4 fisheries with local and regional food sup-  
5 ply networks moving agricultural products  
6 of mid-tier value chains to consumers in  
7 underserved areas with moderate- and low-  
8 income populations; and”;

9 (B) in subparagraph (C)(ii)—

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

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

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

16 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 243(b) of the Depart-  
17 ment of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C.  
18 6953(b)) is amended—

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

21 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
22 lowing new paragraph:

23 “(3) MID-TIER VALUE CHAIN.—The term ‘mid-  
24 tier value chain’ has the meaning given the term in

1 section 231 of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act  
2 of 2000 (7 U.S.C. 1632a).”.

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

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

