

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 113-14, H.R. 1947**  
**FEDERAL AGRICULTURE REFORM AND RISK**  
**MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2013**  
**OFFERED BY MS. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON OF**  
**TEXAS**

At the end of subtitle C of title IV, insert the following:

**1 SEC. 4208. HUNGER-FREE COMMUNITIES.**

2 Section 4405 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy  
3 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 7517) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)—

5 (A) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-  
6 ing the following:

7 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—

8 “(A) COLLABORATIVE GRANTS.—In sub-  
9 section (b), the term ‘eligible entity’ means a  
10 public food program service provider or non-  
11 profit organization, including an emergency  
12 feeding organization, that has collaborated or  
13 will collaborate with 1 or more local partner or-  
14 ganizations to achieve at least 1 hunger-free  
15 communities goal.

1           “(B) INCENTIVE GRANTS.—In subsection  
2           (c), the term ‘eligible entity’ means a nonprofit  
3           organization (including an emergency feeding  
4           organization), an agricultural cooperative, pro-  
5           ducer network or association, community health  
6           organization, public benefit corporation, eco-  
7           nomic development corporation, farmers’ mar-  
8           ket, community-supported agriculture program,  
9           buying club, supplemental nutrition assistance  
10          program retail food store, a State, local, or trib-  
11          al agency, and any other entity the Secretary  
12          designates.”;

13           (B) by adding at the end the following:

14           “(4) SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE  
15          PROGRAM.—The term ‘supplemental nutrition assist-  
16          ance program’ means the supplemental nutrition as-  
17          sistance program established under the Food and  
18          Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.).

19           “(5) UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY.—The term  
20          ‘underserved community’ has the meaning given the  
21          term in section 25 of the Food and Nutrition Act of  
22          2008 (7 U.S.C. 2034).”;

23           (2) in subsection (b)(1)(A), by striking “not  
24          more than 50 percent of any funds made available

1 under subsection (e)” and inserting “funds made  
2 available under subsection (d)(1)”;

3 (3) by striking subsections (c), (d), and (e) and  
4 inserting the following:

5 “(c) HUNGER-FREE COMMUNITIES INCENTIVE  
6 GRANTS.—

7 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In each of the years  
9 specified in subsection (d), the Secretary shall  
10 make grants to eligible entities in accordance  
11 with paragraph (2).

12 “(B) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal  
13 share of the cost of carrying out an activity  
14 under this subsection shall not exceed 50 per-  
15 cent of the total cost of the activity.

16 “(C) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—

17 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The non-Federal  
18 share of the cost of an activity under this  
19 subsection may be provided—

20 “(I) in cash or in-kind contribu-  
21 tions as determined by the Secretary,  
22 including facilities, equipment, or  
23 services; and

24 “(II) by a State or local govern-  
25 ment or a private source.

1                   “(ii) LIMITATION.—In the case of a  
2                   for-profit entity, the non-Federal share de-  
3                   scribed in clause (i) shall not include serv-  
4                   ices of an employee, including salaries paid  
5                   or expenses covered by the employer.

6                   “(2) CRITERIA.—

7                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this  
8                   subsection, an eligible entity is a governmental  
9                   agency or nonprofit organization that—

10                   “(i) meets the application criteria set  
11                   forth by the Secretary; and

12                   “(ii) proposes a project that, at a  
13                   minimum—

14                   “(I) has the support of the State  
15                   agency;

16                   “(II) would increase the purchase  
17                   of fruits and vegetables by low-income  
18                   consumers participating in the supple-  
19                   mental nutrition assistance program  
20                   by providing incentives at the point of  
21                   purchase;

22                   “(III) agrees to participate in the  
23                   evaluation described in paragraph (4);

24                   “(IV) ensures that the same  
25                   terms and conditions apply to pur-

1 chases made by individuals with bene-  
2 fits issued under this Act and incen-  
3 tives provided for in this subsection as  
4 apply to purchases made by individ-  
5 uals who are not members of house-  
6 holds receiving benefits, such as pro-  
7 vided for in section 278.2(b) of title 7,  
8 Code of Federal Regulations (or a  
9 successor regulation); and

10 “(V) includes effective and effi-  
11 cient technologies for benefit redemp-  
12 tion systems that may be replicated in  
13 other for States and communities.

14 “(B) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants  
15 under this section, the Secretary shall give pri-  
16 ority to projects that—

17 “(i) maximize the share of funds used  
18 for direct incentives to participants;

19 “(ii) use direct-to-consumer sales mar-  
20 keting;

21 “(iii) demonstrate a track record of  
22 designing and implementing successful nu-  
23 trition incentive programs that connect  
24 low-income consumers and agricultural  
25 producers;

1                   “(iv) provide locally or regionally pro-  
2                   duced fruits and vegetables;

3                   “(v) are located in underserved com-  
4                   munities; or

5                   “(vi) address other criteria as estab-  
6                   lished by the Secretary.

7                   “(3) APPLICABILITY.—

8                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—The value of any ben-  
9                   efit provided to a participant in any activity  
10                  funded under this subsection shall not be con-  
11                  sidered income or resources for any purpose  
12                  under any Federal, State, or local law.

13                  “(B) PROHIBITION ON COLLECTION OF  
14                  SALES TAXES.—Each State shall ensure that no  
15                  State or local tax is collected on a purchase of  
16                  food under this subsection.

17                  “(C) NO LIMITATION ON BENEFITS.—A  
18                  grant made available under this subsection shall  
19                  not be used to carry out any project that limits  
20                  the use of benefits under the Food and Nutri-  
21                  tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) or any  
22                  other Federal nutrition law.

23                  “(D) HOUSEHOLD ALLOTMENT.—Assist-  
24                  ance provided under this subsection to house-

1 holds receiving benefits under the supplemental  
2 nutrition assistance program shall not—

3 “(i) be considered part of the supple-  
4 mental nutrition assistance program bene-  
5 fits of the household; or

6 “(ii) be used in the collection or dis-  
7 position of claims under section 13 of the  
8 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.  
9 2022).

10 “(4) EVALUATION.—

11 “(A) INDEPENDENT EVALUATION.—The  
12 Secretary shall provide for an independent eval-  
13 uation of projects selected under this subsection  
14 that measures the impact of each project on—

15 “(i) improving the nutrition and  
16 health status of participating households  
17 receiving incentives under this subsection;  
18 and

19 “(ii) increasing fruit and vegetable  
20 purchases in participating households.

21 “(B) REQUIREMENT.—The independent  
22 evaluation under subparagraph (A) shall use  
23 rigorous methodologies capable of producing  
24 scientifically valid information regarding the ef-  
25 fectiveness of a project.

1           “(C) COSTS.—The Secretary may use  
2 funds not to exceed 10 percent of the funding  
3 provided to carry out this section to pay costs  
4 associated with administering, monitoring, and  
5 evaluating each project.

6           “(d) FUNDING.—

7           “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
8 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
9 subsection (b) such sums as may be necessary for  
10 fiscal years 2014 through 2018.

11           “(2) MANDATORY FUNDING.—Of the funds of  
12 the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary  
13 shall use to carry out subsection (c)—

14           “(A) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2015;

15           “(B) \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
16 2015 through 2017; and

17           “(C) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2018.”.

