

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

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**OFFERED BY MS. KAPTUR OF OHIO**

Page 220, strike lines 1 and 2 and insert the following:

1           (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:  
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3           “(a) FUNDING.—

4                 “(1) MANDATORY.—

5                     “(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds of the  
6                     Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary of  
7                     Agriculture (in this section referred to as the  
8                     ‘Secretary’) shall use to carry out and expand  
9                     the seniors farmers’ market nutrition program  
10                    pursuant to this section—

11                             “(i) \$26,729,000 for fiscal year 2027;

12                             and

13                             “(ii) subject to the inflation adjustment  
14                             under subparagraph (B),  
15                             \$26,729,000 for each of fiscal years 2028  
16                             through 2031.

17                             “(B) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—On October  
18                             ber 1 of each of fiscal years 2028 through

1           2031, the Secretary shall adjust the dollar  
2           amount under subparagraph (A) by the per-  
3           centage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price  
4           Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) pub-  
5           lished by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the  
6           Department of Labor for the 12-month period  
7           ending June 30 of the preceding fiscal year.

8           “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In  
9           addition to the funds made available under para-  
10          graph (1), there are authorized to be appropriated  
11          such sums as necessary to carry out this section for  
12          fiscal years 2027 through 2031.”;

Page 220, beginning line 4, strike “and tree nuts  
(including shelled tree nuts)” and insert “tree nuts (in-  
cluding shelled tree nuts), eggs, and fish”.

Page 220, line 5, strike the period and insert “;  
and”.

Page 220, after line 5, insert the following:

13           (3) by adding at the end the following:  
14           “(g) FEDERAL BENEFITS REQUIREMENTS.—  
15           “(1) ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.—Beginning  
16           in fiscal year 2028, the Secretary shall adjust each  
17           dollar amount of the minimum and maximum  
18           amount of Federal benefits a participant may receive

1 each year under section 249.8 of title 7, Code of  
2 Federal Regulations (or successor regulations) by  
3 the percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer  
4 Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) pub-  
5 lished by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the De-  
6 partment of Labor for the 12-month period ending  
7 June 30 of the preceding fiscal year.

8 “(2) WAIVER OF MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
10 establish a procedure by which a State may pe-  
11 tition the Secretary to waive the maximum  
12 amount of Federal benefits a participant may  
13 receive each year under section 249.8 of title 7,  
14 Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regu-  
15 lations).

16 “(B) PETITION REQUIREMENT.—In sub-  
17 mitting a petition pursuant to subparagraph  
18 (A), a State shall propose a maximum amount  
19 of such Federal benefits, including an expla-  
20 nation of such proposed amount.

21 “(C) RESPONSE TO PETITION.—Not later  
22 than 30 days after the date on which the Sec-  
23 retary receives a petition under this paragraph,  
24 the Secretary shall notify the State of—

1                   “(i) the decision of the Secretary with  
2                   respect to the petition for a waiver pursu-  
3                   ant to subparagraph (A) and the proposed  
4                   amount under subparagraph (B); and

5                   “(ii) an explanation of such decision.

6           “(h) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year  
7 after the date of enactment of this subsection, and every  
8 year thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-  
9 mittee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives, the  
10 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the  
11 Senate, and the Committees on Appropriations of the  
12 House of Representatives and the Senate a report detail-  
13 ing, with respect to the period covered by the report—

14                   “(1) the States that received a grant to carry  
15                   out the seniors farmers’ market nutrition program  
16                   under part 249 of title 7, Code of Federal Regula-  
17                   tions (or successor regulations);

18                   “(2) the amount of any funding received  
19                   through such grant by each such State;

20                   “(3) the number of participants (as defined in  
21                   such part) who received Federal benefits from each  
22                   such State;

23                   “(4) the extent to which such participants use  
24                   such benefits;

1           “(5) an average of the Federal benefit amount  
2           provided by each such State;

3           “(6) the number of farmers, farmers’ markets,  
4           roadside stands, and community supported agri-  
5           culture programs (as defined in such part) who par-  
6           ticipate in such program;

7           “(7) whether each such State supplements any  
8           funding received through such grant; and

9           “(8) the amount of any such supplement.”.

