

**Amendment No. \_\_\_\_**

**Offered by Ms. Adams of North Carolina**

**Amendment Description:** This amendment modifies the formula used to calculate Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits so that it is based on the Low-Cost Food Plan instead of the Thrifty Food Plan.

**AMENDMENT TO \_\_\_\_\_**  
**OFFERED BY MS. ADAMS OF NORTH CAROLINA**

Strike subtitle A.

Add at the end the following:

**1 SEC. \_\_\_\_ . CALCULATION OF PROGRAM BENEFITS USING**  
**2 LOW-COST FOOD .**

**3 (a) DEFINITION OF LOW-COST FOOD PLAN.—**Section  
**4 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012)**  
**5 is amended—**

**6 (1) by striking subsection (u);**

**7 (2) by redesignating subsections (n) through (t)**  
**8 as subsections (o) through (u), respectively; and**

**9 (3) by inserting after subsection (m) the fol-**  
**10 lowing:**

**11 “(n) LOW-COST FOOD PLAN.—**

**12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—**The term ‘low-cost food  
**13 plan’ means the diet, determined in accordance with**  
**14 the calculations of the Secretary, required to feed a**  
**15 4-person family that consists of—**

**16 “(A) a man and a woman who are each be-**  
**17 tween 19 and 50 years of age;**

1           “(B) a child who is between 6 and 8 years  
2           of age; and

3           “(C) a child who is between 9 and 11  
4           years of age.

5           “(2) REEVALUATION.—By December 31, 2029,  
6           and at 5-year intervals thereafter, the Secretary  
7           shall reevaluate and publish the market baskets of  
8           the low-cost food plan, based on current food prices,  
9           food composition data, consumption patterns, and  
10          dietary guidance.

11          “(3) COST.—For purposes of paragraph (1),  
12          the cost of the diet described in that paragraph shall  
13          be the basis for uniform allotments for all house-  
14          holds regardless of the actual composition of the  
15          household, except that the Secretary shall—

16                 “(A) make household-size adjustments  
17                 (based on the unrounded cost of that diet) tak-  
18                 ing into account economies of scale;

19                 “(B) make cost adjustments in the low-  
20                 cost food plan for the State of Hawaii and the  
21                 urban and rural parts of the State of Alaska to  
22                 reflect the cost of food in Hawaii and urban  
23                 and rural Alaska, respectively; and

24                 “(C) on October 1, 2023, and each Octo-  
25                 ber 1 thereafter, adjust the cost of the diet to

1 reflect the cost of the diet in the immediately  
2 preceding June, and round the result to the  
3 nearest lower-dollar increment for each house-  
4 hold size.”.

5 (b) VALUE OF ALLOTMENT.—Section 8(a) of the  
6 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2017(a)) is  
7 amended—

8 (1) by striking “thrifty food plan” each place it  
9 appears and inserting “low-cost food plan”; and

10 (2) in the proviso, by striking “8 percent” and  
11 inserting “10 percent”.

12 (c) QUALITY CONTROL SYSTEM.—Section  
13 16(e)(1)(A)(ii) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7  
14 U.S.C. 2025(e)(1)(A)(ii)) is amended—

15 (1) in subclause (II)—

16 (A) by striking “thrifty food plan is ad-  
17 justed under section 3(u)(4)” and inserting  
18 “low-cost food plan is adjusted under section  
19 3(n)(3)(D)”;

20 (B) by striking “2013” and inserting  
21 “2026”;

22 (2) by redesignating subclause (II) as subclause  
23 (III); and

24 (3) by striking subclause (I) and inserting the  
25 following:

1 “(I) for fiscal year 2026, at an  
2 amount not greater than \$50;

3 “(II) for fiscal year 2027, the  
4 amount specified in subclause (I) ad-  
5 justed by the difference between the  
6 thrifty food plan (as defined in section  
7 3 (as in effect on the day before the  
8 date of enactment of this subclause)  
9 and the low-cost food plan; and”.

10 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

11 (1) Section 10 of the Food and Nutrition Act  
12 of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2019) is amended, in the first  
13 sentence, by striking “3(o)(4)” and inserting  
14 “3(p)(4)”.

15 (2) Section 11 of the Food and Nutrition Act  
16 of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2020) is amended—

17 (A) in subsection (a)(2), by striking  
18 “3(s)(1)” and inserting “3(t)(1)”;

19 (B) in subsection (d)—

20 (i) by striking “3(s)(1)” each place it  
21 appears and inserting “3(t)(1)”;

22 (ii) by striking “3(s)(2)” each place it  
23 appears and inserting “3(t)(2)”; and

24 (iii) by striking “Act (25 U.S.C.  
25 450)” and inserting “and Education As-

1 assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.)”;

2 and

3 (C) in subsection (c)(17), by striking

4 “3(s)(1)” and inserting “3(t)(1)”.

5 (3) Section 19(a)(2)(A)(ii) of the Food and Nu-

6 trition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2028(a)(2)(A)(ii)) is

7 amended by striking “thrifty food plan has been ad-

8 justed under section 3(u)(4)” and inserting “low-

9 cost food plan has been adjusted under section

10 3(n)(3)(D)”.

11 (4) Section 27(a)(2) of the Food and Nutrition

12 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)(2)) is amended—

13 (A) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “(as

14 in effect on the day before the date of enact-

15 ment of subclause (II) of section

16 16(e)(1)(A)(ii))” after “section 3(u)(4)”;

17 (B) in subparagraph (D)(ix), by striking

18 “and” at the end;

19 (C) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as

20 subparagraph (F);

21 (D) by inserting after subparagraph (D)

22 the following:

23 “(E) for fiscal year 2023, the sum ob-

24 tained by adding—

1 “(i) the dollar amount of commodities  
2 specified in subparagraph (B) adjusted by  
3 the percentage by which the low-cost food  
4 plan has been adjusted under section  
5 3(u)(4) between June 30, 2021, and June  
6 30 of the immediately preceding fiscal  
7 year; and

8 “(ii) \$35,000,000; and;”; and

9 (E) in subparagraph (F) (as so redesign-  
10 nated), by striking “subparagraph (D)(ix) ad-  
11 justed by the percentage by which the thrifty  
12 food plan has been adjusted under section  
13 3(u)(4)” and inserting “subparagraph (F) ad-  
14 justed by the percentage by which the low-cost  
15 food plan has been adjusted under section  
16 3(n)(3)(D)”.

17 (5) Section 408(a)(12)(B)(i) of the Social Secu-  
18 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 608(a)(12)(B)(i)) is amended by  
19 striking “(r)” each place it appears.

