

**Amendment offered by Salud Carbajal**

**Amendment description**

The amendment would prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture from closing USDA offices nationwide.

**AMENDMENT TO \_\_\_\_\_**  
**OFFERED BY MR. CARBAJAL OF CALIFORNIA**

Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. PROHIBITION ON CLOSURE OR RELOCATION**  
2 **OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
3 **OFFICES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture may  
5 not close or relocate a county or field office of the Natural  
6 Resources Conservation Service, the Farm Service Agency,  
7 a Rural Development area, or any county service center  
8 of the Department of Agriculture.

9 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply  
10 with respect to—

11 (1) an office that is located not more than 20  
12 miles from another office of the Natural Resources  
13 Conservation Service, the Farm Service Agency, a  
14 Rural Development area, or any county service cen-  
15 ter; or

16 (2) the relocation of an office within the same  
17 county in the course of routine leasing operations.

