

## **Amendment offered by Congressman Shomari Figures**

### **Amendment description**

The amendment would prohibit implementation of the SNAP benefit cost shift provision until USDA/ Staes certify that there will be no cuts to benefits/ eligibility in rural communities.

**AMENDMENT \_\_\_\_\_**

**OFFERED BY MR. FIGURES OF ALABAMA**

Add at the end of subtitle A the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. CERTIFICATION OF NO REDUCTION IN BENE-**  
2 **FITS OR PARTICIPATION FOR INDIVIDUALS**  
3 **IN RURAL AREAS.**

4 The matching funds requirement under section 4(a)  
5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.  
6 2013(a)), as amended by section 10006, shall only take  
7 effect if the Secretary of Agriculture, in coordination with  
8 the Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service and  
9 the Administrator of the Economic Research Service, and  
10 all State agencies (as defined in section 3 of the Food and  
11 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012)) issue reports eval-  
12 uating and certifying that any changes made by such sec-  
13 tion 10006 to the supplemental nutrition assistance pro-  
14 gram will not result in—

15 (1) a decrease of benefits to eligible individuals  
16 located in rural areas; or

17 (2) a reduction in participation in such program  
18 due to changes in eligibility for benefits under such  
19 program for individuals in rural areas, that exceeds

- 1 any such reduction that may have occurred in the
- 2 absence of such eligibility changes.

