

Amendment offered by Mrs. Cammack of Florida

Amendment description:

This amendment requires that SNAP benefits used to purchase meat, seafood, dairy products, eggs, and fresh fruits and vegetables be spent only on foods produced in the United States, with limited exemptions for availability, quality, or undue burden, and establishes retailer compliance and enforcement mechanisms.

AMENDMENT

OFFERED BY MRS. CAMMACK OF FLORIDA

At the end of subtitle A of title IV, add the following
(and make such technical and conforming changes as
may be appropriate):

1 **SEC. 4114. FARMERS FEEDING AMERICA.**

2 (a) PURPOSE.—This purpose of this section is to sup-
3 port domestic agriculture, strengthen American food pro-
4 duction, and ensure that supplemental nutrition assistance
5 program (SNAP) benefits are used to purchase meat, sea-
6 food, dairy products, eggs, and fresh fruits and vegetables
7 are used only for such foods that are grown, raised, har-
8 vested, or produced in the United States.

9 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) COVERED FOOD PRODUCT.—The term “cov-
11 ered food product” means—

12 (A) meat;

13 (B) seafood;

14 (C) dairy products;

15 (D) eggs; or

16 (E) fresh fruits or vegetables.

1 (2) DOMESTICALLY PRODUCED.—The term
2 “domestically produced” means grown, raised, har-
3 vested, or produced within the United States.

4 (3) SNAP.—The term “SNAP” means supple-
5 mental nutrition assistance program established
6 under of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.).

8 (c) REQUIREMENT FOR SNAP PURCHASES.—

9 (1) Any covered food product purchased with
10 supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits
11 issued under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
12 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) shall be domestically produced
13 unless—

14 (A) the specified covered food product is
15 not commercially available in sufficient quan-
16 tities or reasonable quality within the United
17 States; or

18 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture grants an
19 exemption based on an undue burden on house-
20 holds participating in the supplemental nutri-
21 tion assistance program, including cost or re-
22 gional availability of food.

23 (2) The Secretary of Agriculture shall maintain
24 a list of exempted foods and update it regularly

1 based on domestic production trends and market
2 conditions.

3 (d) RETAILER OBLIGATIONS.—

4 (1) SNAP-authorized retailers shall—

5 (A) ensure that covered food products
6 available for purchase with supplemental nutri-
7 tion assistance program benefits comply with
8 the domestic production requirements of this
9 section; and

10 (B) report on retailer compliance efforts
11 upon request by the Department of Agriculture.

12 (2) Noncompliance with this section by retailers
13 may result in warnings, required corrective action,
14 or, in repeated or egregious cases, suspension of
15 SNAP authorization.

16 (e) ENFORCEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION.—

17 (1) The Secretary of Agriculture, in coordina-
18 tion with relevant Federal and State agencies, shall
19 establish regulations and guidance to ensure retailer
20 compliance with this Act.

21 (2) A public awareness campaign shall be con-
22 ducted to educate SNAP recipients and retailers on
23 the benefits and requirements of purchasing Amer-
24 ican food products.

1 (3) An annual review shall be conducted to as-
2 sess the economic impact and effectiveness of this
3 section, with recommendations for potential adjust-
4 ments.

5 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
6 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act to allow
7 for retailer adaptation and public education.

