

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 9086
OFFERED BY MR. CASTRO OF TEXAS

At the end of subsection (i) of section 708 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, as proposed to be added by section 607(e) of the bill, add the following:

1 “(5) TRAINING IN EVIDENCE-BASED AND RE-
2 SULTS-ORIENTED FOREIGN ASSISTANCE.—

3 “(A) EVIDENCE-BASED MECHANISMS.—

4 The Secretary shall establish a training course
5 on the use of economic analysis, evidence, and
6 evaluation tools to improve the design, imple-
7 mentation, and cost-effectiveness of foreign as-
8 sistance programs, including instruction on—

9 “(i) the application of economic theory
10 and insights from behavioral science to
11 program design;

12 “(ii) methods for conducting and ap-
13 plying rigorous impact evaluations, includ-
14 ing randomized controlled trials and quasi-
15 experimental approaches, in the context of
16 development and humanitarian assistance;

17 “(iii) frameworks for monitoring and
18 evaluation, including the development of

1 measurable indicators and the use of per-
2 formance data to inform programmatic de-
3 cisions;

4 “(iv) the use of cost-effectiveness
5 analysis in comparing and selecting among
6 foreign assistance interventions; and

7 “(v) mechanisms for incorporating
8 evidence generated through program eval-
9 uation into future program design.

10 “(B) RESULTS-ORIENTED MECHANISMS.—

11 The Secretary shall establish a training course
12 on the use of results-oriented program design
13 methods in foreign assistance, including in-
14 struction on the use of mechanisms such as—

15 “(i) Pay-for-Results;

16 “(ii) Grand Challenges;

17 “(iii) Advanced Market Commitments;

18 “(iv) Firm-fixed-price contracts and
19 fixed-amount awards; and

20 “(v) other mechanisms that tie fund-
21 ing to verified outcomes or shape markets
22 for development goods and services.

23 “(C) CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT.—In de-
24 veloping the curriculum required under sub-

1 paragraph (A), the Secretary shall consult
2 with—

3 “(i) the Director of Foreign Assist-
4 ance; and

5 “(ii) such external experts in develop-
6 ment economics, behavioral science, and
7 program evaluation as the Secretary con-
8 siders appropriate.”.

