

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 9087  
OFFERED BY MR. CASTRO OF TEXAS**

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . DEVELOPMENT INNOVATION VENTURES PRO-**  
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established within the  
4 relevant foreign assistance agency a program to be known  
5 as the Development Innovation Ventures Program (in this  
6 section referred to as the “Program”).

7 (b) DUTIES.—In carrying out the Program, the rel-  
8 evant foreign assistance agency shall provide flexible fund-  
9 ing to global innovators and researchers to test new ideas,  
10 build rigorous evidence of what works to improve develop-  
11 ment outcomes, and transition to scale solutions with rig-  
12 orously demonstrated potential to improve millions of lives  
13 on a cost-effective basis.

14 (c) CORE PRINCIPLES OF PROGRAM.—In carrying  
15 out the program, the relevant foreign assistance agency  
16 shall assess applications for funding under this subsection  
17 according to the following core principles:

18 (1) Rigorous evidence of impact.

19 (2) Cost-effectiveness.

1           (3) Potential for scale and financial sustain-  
2           ability.

3           (d) ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—In carrying out  
4 the program, the relevant foreign assistance agency  
5 shall—

6           (1) provide funding using evidence-tiered fund-  
7           ing to allow for risk-taking at early stages while  
8           mitigating risk at later stages, thereby maximizing  
9           impact per taxpayer dollar spent; and

10          (2) work across all countries and sectors sup-  
11          ported by Department assistance programs, with the  
12          goal of finding, testing, and scaling up proven solu-  
13          tions.

14          (e) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 1  
15 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annu-  
16 ally thereafter for a period of 5 years, the relevant foreign  
17 assistance agency shall submit to the appropriate congres-  
18 sional committees and make available to the public a re-  
19 port on the implementation of the program that in-  
20 cludes—

21          (1) an assessment of the extent to which proven  
22          solutions have been scaled up inside and outside of  
23          the Department; and

24          (2) a description of the relevant foreign assist-  
25          ance agency's decision-making process, including

1 with respect to the use of funding received from ex-  
2 ternal sources.

3 (f) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term “prov-  
4 en solutions”—

5 (1) means innovations that are rigorously dem-  
6 onstrated, such as through randomized controlled  
7 trials, commercial viability, or other appropriate  
8 methods, to have the potential to substantially im-  
9 prove development outcomes; and

10 (2) includes—

11 (A) innovations developed or supported by  
12 the relevant foreign assistance agency the Pro-  
13 gram is established in, including the Develop-  
14 ment Innovation Ventures program established  
15 under subsection (a), Innovation Challenges and  
16 Prizes, and innovations developed or supported  
17 by other government entities, including the  
18 United States International Development Fi-  
19 nance Corporation; and

20 (B) innovations developed by partners of  
21 the relevant foreign assistance agency the Pro-  
22 gram is established in, including nongovern-  
23 mental organizations, social enterprises, foreign  
24 governments, and multilateral institutions.

