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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To include fluid milk in the Gus Schumacher food insecurity nutrition incentive program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 2d Sess.

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To provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENTS intended to be proposed by Mrs. ERNST

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In section 4303(2)(A), strike "and" at the end.

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In section 4303(2), redesignate subparagraph (B) as subparagraph (D).

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In section 4303(2), insert after subparagraph (A) the following:

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(B) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4);

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(C) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:

~~Strike~~ 2

1 ~~“(3) FLUID MILK.—The term ‘fluid milk’~~
2 ~~means cow milk, without flavoring or sweeteners,~~
3 ~~that is packaged in liquid form.”; and~~

4 In section 4303(2)(D) (as so redesignated), in the
5 matter preceding clause (i), strike “(3)—” and insert “(4)
6 (as so redesignated)—”.

7 In section 4405(b)(2)(A)(ii)(II) of the Food, Con-
8 servation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.
9 7517(b)(2)(A)(ii)(II)) (as amended by section
10 4303(3)(B)(i)(III)(bb)), strike “fruits and vegetables”
11 each place it appears and insert “fruits, vegetables, and
12 fluid milk”.

13 In section 4405(b)(2)(A)(ii)(III) of the Food, Con-
14 servation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.
15 7517(b)(2)(A)(ii)(III)) (as amended by section
16 4303(3)(B)(i)(III)(bb)), strike “fruits and vegetables”
17 and insert “fruits, vegetables, and fluid milk”.

18 In section 4303(3)(B)(ii), redesignate subclauses (I)
19 through (III) as subclauses (II) through (IV), respectively.

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1 In section 4303(3)(B)(ii), insert before subclause (II)
2 (as so redesignated) the following:
3 (I) in clause (iv), by striking
4 "fruits and vegetables" and inserting
5 "fruits, vegetables, and fluid milk";
6 In clause (v) of section 4405(b)(2)(A) of the Food,
7 Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.
8 4405(b)(2)(A)) (as added by section 4303(3)(B)(ii)(IV)
9 (as so redesignated)), strike "fruits or vegetables" each
10 place it appears and insert "fruits, vegetables, or fluid
11 milk".

✓ insert text
below

SEC. XXXX. PILOT PROJECTS TO IMPROVE HEALTHY DIETARY PATTERNS RELATED TO FLUID MILK IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Section 17 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2026) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(n) Pilot Projects to improve healthy dietary patterns related to fluid milk consumption among participants or households in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program that under-consume fluid milk.

“(1) Definition. --In this section, the term ‘fluid milk’ means cow milk, without flavoring or sweeteners, consistent with the most recent Dietary Guidelines for Americans, that is packaged in liquid form.”

“(2) In general.--The Secretary shall carry out, under such terms and conditions as the Secretary considers to be appropriate, pilot projects to develop and test methods that would increase the purchase of fluid milk, consistent with the most recent Dietary Guidelines for Americans, by individuals or households participating in the supplemental nutrition assistance program that under-consume fluid milk by providing an incentive for the purchase of fluid milk at the point of purchase to a household purchasing food with supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits --

“(3) Grants.--

“(A) In general.--In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary may enter into competitively awarded contracts or cooperative agreements with, or provide grants to, a government agency or nonprofit organization for use in accordance with projects that meet the strategy goals of this subsection, including allowing the government agency or nonprofit organization to award subgrants to retail food stores authorized under this Act.

“(B) Application.--To be eligible to receive a contract, cooperative agreement, or grant under this paragraph, a government agency or nonprofit organization shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

“(C) Selection criteria.--Pilot projects shall be evaluated against publicly disseminated criteria that may include--

“(i) identification of a low-income target audience that corresponds to individuals living in households with incomes at or below 185 percent of the poverty level;

“(ii) incorporation of a scientifically based strategy that is designed to improve diet quality through the purchase of fluid milk for participants or households in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program that under-consume fluid milk in comparison to individuals or households not participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

“(iii) a commitment to a pilot project that allows for a rigorous outcome evaluation, including data collection;

“(iv) innovative ways to provide significant improvement to the health and wellness of children;

“(v) other criteria, as determined by the Secretary.

“(D) Use of funds.--Funds provided under this paragraph shall not be used for any project that limits the use of benefits under this Act.

“(4) Projects.--Pilot projects carried out under paragraph shall include projects to determine whether-incentives for the purchase of fluid milk by individuals or households participating in the supplemental nutrition assistance program that under-consumer fluid milk result in--

“(A) Improved nutritional outcomes for participating individuals or households

“(B) Changes in purchasing behaviors among participating individuals or household

“(C) Diets more closely aligned with healthy eating patterns consistent with the most recent Dietary Guidelines for Americans

“(5) Evaluation and reporting.--

“(A) Evaluation.--

“(i) Independent evaluation.--

“(I) In general.--The Secretary shall provide for an independent evaluation of projects selected under this subsection that measures the impact of the pilot program on health and nutrition as described in paragraphs (2),

(3) and (4).

“(II) Requirement.--The independent evaluation under subclause (I) shall use rigorous methodologies, particularly random assignment or other methods that are capable of producing scientifically valid information regarding which activities are effective.

“(ii) Costs.--The Secretary may use funds provided to carry out this section to pay costs associated with monitoring and evaluating each pilot project.

“(B) Reporting.--Not later than 90 days after the last day of fiscal year 2019 and each fiscal year thereafter until the completion of the last evaluation under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report that includes a description of--

“(i) the status of each pilot project;

“(ii) the results of the evaluation completed during the previous fiscal year; and

“(iii) to the maximum extent practicable--

“(I) the impact of the pilot project on appropriate health, nutrition, and associated behavioral outcomes among households participating in the pilot project;

“(II) baseline information relevant to the stated goals and desired outcomes of the pilot project; and

“(III) equivalent information about similar or identical measures among control or comparison groups that did not participate in the pilot project.

“(C) Public dissemination.--In addition to the reporting requirements under subparagraph (B), evaluation results shall be shared broadly to inform policy makers, service providers, other partners, and the public in order to promote wide use of successful strategies.

“(5) Funding.--

“(A) Authorization of appropriations.--There is authorized to be appropriated \$20,000,000 to carry out a project under this subsection, to remain available until expended.

“(B) Appropriations in advance.—Only funds appropriated under subparagraph (A) in advance specifically to carry out this subsection shall be available to carry out this subsection.”