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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To establish a technical assistance program to improve access by Tribal entities to rural development programs.

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

S. _____

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

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Ms. HEITKAMP & Ms. Smith

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1 At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the following:

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3 **SEC. 125** ____. **ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**
4 **PROGRAM.**

5 (a) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term “tribally
6 designated housing entity” has the meaning given the
7 term in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assist-
8 ance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C.
9 4103).

10 (b) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall establish a
11 technical assistance program to improve access by Tribal

1 entities to rural development programs funded by the De-
2 partment of Agriculture through available cooperative
3 agreement authorities of the Secretary.

4 (c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—The tech-
5 nical assistance program established under subsection (b)
6 shall address the unique challenge of Tribal governments,
7 Tribal producers, Tribal businesses, Tribal business enti-
8 ties, and tribally designated housing entities in accessing
9 Department of Agriculture-supported rural infrastructure,
10 rural cooperative development, rural business and indus-
11 try, rural housing, and other rural development activities.