AMENDMENT NO._______  Calendar No._______

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


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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.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Ms. HEITKAMP

Viz:

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

3  SEC. 125. ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

5  (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term "tribally designated housing entity" has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103).

10  (b) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a technical assistance program to improve access by Tribal
entities to rural development programs funded by the Department of Agriculture through available cooperative
agreement authorities of the Secretary.

(c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—The technical assistance program established under subsection (b)
shall address the unique challenge of Tribal governments, Tribal producers, Tribal businesses, Tribal business entities, and tribally designated housing entities in accessing Department of Agriculture-supported rural infrastructure, rural cooperative development, rural business and industry, rural housing, and other rural development activities.