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To amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to improve nutrition assistance for working families and the elderly, and for other purposes.

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Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mrs. CLINTON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Nutrition Assistance
5 for Working Families and Seniors Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. RESTORATION OF FOOD STAMP BENEFITS FOR**
7 **LEGAL IMMIGRANTS.**

8 (a) LIMITED ELIGIBILITY OF QUALIFIED ALIENS
9 FOR CERTAIN FEDERAL PROGRAMS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 402(a) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1612(a)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “Federal programs” and inserting “Federal program”;

(ii) in subparagraph (D)—

(I) by striking clause (ii); and

(II) in clause (i)—

(aa) by striking “(i) SSI.—” and all that follows through “paragraph (3)(A)” and inserting the following:

“(i) IN GENERAL.—With respect to the specified Federal program described in paragraph (3)”;

(bb) by redesignating subclauses (II) through (IV) as clauses (ii) through (iv) and indenting appropriately;

(cc) by striking “subclause (I)” each place it appears and inserting “clause (i)”;

1 (dd) in clause (iv) (as redes-
 2 ignated by item (bb)), by striking
 3 “this clause” and inserting “this
 4 subparagraph”;

5 (iii) in subparagraph (E), by striking
 6 “paragraph (3)(A) (relating to the supple-
 7 mental security income program)” and in-
 8 serting “paragraph (3)”;

9 (iv) in subparagraph (F);

10 (I) by striking “Federal pro-
 11 grams” and inserting “Federal pro-
 12 gram”;

13 (II) in clause (ii)(I)—

14 (aa) by striking “(I) in the
 15 case of the specified Federal pro-
 16 gram described in paragraph
 17 (3)(A),”; and

18 (bb) by striking “; and” and
 19 inserting a period; and

20 (III) by striking subclause (II);

21 (v) in subparagraph (G), by striking
 22 “Federal programs” and inserting “Fed-
 23 eral program”;

24 (vi) in subparagraph (H), by striking
 25 “paragraph (3)(A) (relating to the supple-

1 mental security income program)” and in-
 2 serting “paragraph (3)”; and

3 (vii) by striking subparagraphs (I),
 4 (J), and (K); and
 5 (B) in paragraph (3)—

6 (i) by striking “means any” and all
 7 that follows through “The supplemental”
 8 and inserting “means the supplemental”;
 9 and

10 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B).

11 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
 12 402(b)(2)(F) of the Personal Responsibility and
 13 Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8
 14 U.S.C. 1612(b)(2)(F)) is amended by striking “sub-
 15 section (a)(3)(A)” and inserting “subsection (a)(3)”.

16 (b) FIVE-YEAR LIMITED ELIGIBILITY OF QUALIFIED
 17 ALIENS FOR FEDERAL MEANS-TESTED PUBLIC BEN-
 18 EFIT.—Section 403 of the Personal Responsibility and
 19 Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C.
 20 1613) is amended—

21 (1) in subsection (c)(2), by adding at the end
 22 the following:

23 “(L) Assistance or benefits under the Food
 24 Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.).”;
 25 and

1 (2) in subsection (d)—

2 (A) by striking “not apply” and all that
3 follows through “(1) an individual” and insert-
4 ing “not apply to an individual”; and

5 (B) by striking “; or” and all that follows
6 through “402(a)(3)(B)”.

7 (c) AUTHORITY FOR STATES TO PROVIDE FOR AT-
8 TRIBUTION OF SPONSOR’S INCOME AND RESOURCES TO
9 THE ALIEN WITH RESPECT TO STATE PROGRAMS.—Sec-
10 tion 422(b) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Op-
11 portunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1632(b))
12 is amended by adding at the end the following:

13 “(8) Programs comparable to assistance or ben-
14 efits under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.
15 2011 et seq.).”.

16 (d) REQUIREMENTS FOR SPONSOR’S AFFIDAVIT OF
17 SUPPORT.—Section 423(d) of the Personal Responsibility
18 and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8
19 U.S.C. 1183a note; Public Law 104–193) is amended by
20 adding at the end the following:

21 “(12) Benefits under the Food Stamp Act of
22 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.), if a sponsor is unable
23 to make the reimbursement because the sponsor ex-
24periences hardship (including bankruptcy, disability,
25 and indigence) or if the sponsor experiences severe

1 circumstances beyond the control of the sponsor, as
 2 determined by the Secretary of Agriculture.”.

3 (e) DERIVATIVE ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS.—Sec-
 4 tion 436 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Oppor-
 5 tunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1646) is re-
 6 pealed.

7 (f) APPLICATION.—This section and the amendments
 8 made by this section shall apply to assistance or benefits
 9 provided under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.
 10 2011 et seq.) for months beginning on or after April 1,
 11 2002.

12 **SEC. 3. PREVENTION OF HUNGER AMONG FAMILIES WITH**
 13 **CHILDREN.**

14 (a) STANDARD DEDUCTION.—Section 5(e) of the
 15 Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2014(e)) is amended
 16 by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

17 “(1) STANDARD DEDUCTION.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
 19 graph (B), the Secretary shall allow a standard
 20 deduction for each household in the 48 contig-
 21 uous States and the District of Columbia, Alas-
 22 ka, Hawaii, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of
 23 the United States equal to the applicable per-
 24 centage established under subparagraph (C) of

1 the income standard of eligibility under sub-
 2 section (c)(1).

3 “(B) LIMITATIONS.—The standard deduc-
 4 tion for each household in the 48 contiguous
 5 States and the District of Columbia, Alaska,
 6 Hawaii, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the
 7 United States under subparagraph (A) shall not
 8 be—

9 “(i) less than \$134, \$229, \$189,
 10 \$269, and \$118, respectively; or

11 “(ii) more than the applicable percent-
 12 age specified in subparagraph (C) of the
 13 income standard of eligibility established
 14 under section (c)(1) for a household of 6
 15 members.

16 “(C) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—The ap-
 17 plicable percentage referred to in subpara-
 18 graphs (A) and (B) shall be—

19 “(i) for fiscal year 2002, 8 percent;

20 “(ii) for fiscal year 2003, 8.5 percent;

21 “(iii) for fiscal year 2004, 9 percent;

22 “(iv) for fiscal year 2005, 9.5 percent;

23 and

24 “(v) for each subsequent fiscal year,
 25 10 percent.”.

1 (b) APPLICATION DATE.—The amendments made by
 2 this section shall apply on the later of—

3 (1) July 1, 2002; or

4 (2) at the option of a State agency of a State
 5 (as those terms are defined in section 3 of the Food
 6 Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2012)), October 1,
 7 2002.

8 **SEC. 4. ENCOURAGEMENT OF COLLECTION OF CHILD SUP-**
 9 **PORT.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5(e)(2) of the Food
 11 Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2014(e)(2)) is amended—

12 (1) by inserting “AND CHILD SUPPORT” after
 13 “INCOME”;

14 (2) in subparagraph (A) by—

15 (A) striking “DEFINITION OF” and all that
 16 follows through “not include” and inserting
 17 “LIMITATION ON DEDUCTION.—The deduction
 18 in this paragraph shall not apply to”;

19 (B) striking “or” at the end of clause (i);

20 (C) striking the period at the end of clause

21 (ii) and inserting “; or”; and

22 (D) adding at the end the following:

23 “(iii) child support received to the ex-
 24 tent of any reduction in public assistance

1 to the household as a result of receiving
 2 such support.”; and

3 (3) in subparagraph (B), by striking “to com-
 4 pensate” and all that follows through the period and
 5 inserting “and child support received from an identi-
 6 fied or putative parent of a child in the household
 7 if that parent is not a household member.”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 9 this section take effect on October 1, 2002.

10 **SEC. 5. MINIMUM FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT.**

11 Section 8(a) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7
 12 U.S.C. 2017(a)) is amended by striking “shall be \$10 per
 13 month.” and inserting “shall be—

14 “(1) for each of fiscal years 2002 and 2003,
 15 \$15 per month;

16 “(2) for each of fiscal years 2004 and 2005,
 17 \$20 per month;

18 “(3) for fiscal year 2006, \$25 per month;

19 “(4) for fiscal year 2007 and each subsequent
 20 fiscal year, the minimum allotment under paragraph
 21 (3), adjusted on each October 1 to reflect the per-
 22 centage change in the cost of the thrifty food plan
 23 for the 12-month period ending in the preceding
 24 June, rounded to the nearest lower dollar incre-
 25 ment.”.

1 **SEC. 6. TRANSITIONAL BENEFITS OPTION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 11 of the Food Stamp Act
3 of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2020) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following:

5 “(s) TRANSITIONAL BENEFITS OPTION.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State may provide tran-
7 sitional food stamp benefits to a household that is
8 no longer eligible to receive cash assistance under a
9 State program funded under part A of title IV of the
10 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).

11 “(2) TRANSITIONAL BENEFITS PERIOD.—Under
12 paragraph (1), a household may continue to receive
13 food stamp benefits for a period of not more than
14 6 months after the date on which cash assistance is
15 terminated.

16 “(3) AMOUNT.—During the transitional bene-
17 fits period under paragraph (2), a household shall
18 receive an amount equal to the allotment received in
19 the month immediately preceding the date on which
20 cash assistance is terminated, adjusted for—

21 “(A) the change in household income as a
22 result of the termination of cash assistance; and

23 “(B) any changes in circumstances that
24 may result in an increase in the food stamp al-
25 lotment of the household and that the house-

1 hold elects to report (as verified in accordance
2 with standards established by the Secretary).

3 “(4) DETERMINATION OF FUTURE ELIGI-
4 BILITY.—In the final month of the transitional bene-
5 fits period under paragraph (2), the State agency
6 may—

7 “(A) require a household to cooperate in a
8 redetermination of eligibility to receive uninter-
9 rupted benefits after the transitional benefits
10 period; and

11 “(B) renew eligibility for a new certifi-
12 cation period for the household without regard
13 to whether the previous certification period has
14 expired.

15 “(5) LIMITATION.—A household sanctioned
16 under section 6 shall not be eligible for transitional
17 benefits under this subsection.”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

19 (1) Section 3 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977
20 (7 U.S.C. 2012) is amended by striking subsection
21 (c) and inserting the following:

22 “(c) CERTIFICATION PERIOD.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—‘Certification period’ means
24 the period for which households shall be eligible to
25 receive benefits under this Act.

1 “(2) DURATION.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A certification period
3 shall not exceed 12 months, except that—

4 “(i) a certification period may be up
5 to 24 months if all adult household mem-
6 bers are elderly or disabled; and

7 “(ii) a certification period may be ex-
8 tended during the transitional benefits pe-
9 riod under section 11(s).

10 “(B) EXTENSION.—The certification pe-
11 riod may be extended to the end of a transi-
12 tional benefits period established by a State
13 under section 11(s).

14 “(3) CONTACT.—A State agency shall have at
15 least 1 contact with each certified household—

16 “(A) at least once every 12 months; or

17 “(B) in a case in which the household is in
18 a transitional benefits period under section
19 11(s), within the 6-month period beginning on
20 the date on which cash assistance is termi-
21 nated.”.

22 (2) Section 6(c) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977
23 (7 U.S.C. 2015(c)) is amended by striking “No
24 household” and inserting “Except in a case in which
25 a household is receiving transitional benefits during

1 the transitional benefits period under section 11(s),
 2 no household”.

3 **SEC. 7. FOOD STAMP INFORMATION.**

4 (a) TRAINING MATERIALS; NUTRITION INFORMA-
 5 TION.—Section 11 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7
 6 U.S.C. 2020) (as amended by section 6) is amended by
 7 adding at the end the following:

8 “(t) RESOURCES FOR STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEES.—
 9 The Secretary, in partnership with State agencies, shall
 10 develop training materials, guidebooks, and other re-
 11 sources for use by employees of State agencies that focus
 12 on issues of access and eligibility under the food stamp
 13 program.

14 “(u) NUTRITION INFORMATION.—The Secretary
 15 shall maintain a toll-free information number for individ-
 16 uals to call to obtain information concerning the nutrition
 17 programs.”.

18 (b) INTER-PROGRAM COORDINATION OF APPLICA-
 19 TION AND VERIFICATION PROCESS.—Section 17 of the
 20 Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2026) is amended by
 21 striking subsection (e) and inserting the following:

22 “(e) PILOT PROJECTS FOR INTER-PROGRAM COORDI-
 23 NATION OF APPLICATION AND VERIFICATION PROCESS.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide
 25 the Federal shares of funds to States to carry out

1 pilot projects under paragraph (2) to improve the
 2 application and verification process for low-income
 3 working households to participate in the food stamp
 4 program.

5 “(2) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—

6 “(A) INTER-PROGRAM APPLICATION PROC-
 7 ESS.—

8 “(i) APPLICATION AT ONE-STOP DE-
 9 LIVERY CENTERS.—The Secretary shall
 10 provide funding to not more than 5 States
 11 to conduct pilot projects to improve inter-
 12 program coordination by co-locating em-
 13 ployees and automated systems necessary
 14 to accept complete initial processing of ap-
 15 plications for assistance under this Act at
 16 centers in one-stop delivery systems estab-
 17 lished under section 134(c) of the Work-
 18 force Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
 19 2864(c)).

20 “(ii) APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE
 21 UNDER MEDICAID/SCHIP.—The Secretary
 22 shall provide funding to not more than 5
 23 States to conduct pilot projects to improve
 24 inter-program coordination by co-locating
 25 employees and automated systems nec-

1 essary to accept complete initial processing
 2 of applications for assistance under this
 3 Act at locations where applications are re-
 4 ceived for assistance under titles XIX and
 5 XXI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 6 1396 et seq. and 1397aa et seq.).

7 “(B) INTER-PROGRAM VERIFICATION
 8 PROCESS.—

9 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary
 10 shall provide funding to not more than 5
 11 States to conduct pilot projects to reduce
 12 administrative burdens on low-income
 13 working households by coordinating, to the
 14 maximum extent practicable, verification
 15 practices under this Act and verification
 16 practices under titles XIX and XXI of the
 17 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et
 18 seq. and 1397aa et seq.).

19 “(ii) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to
 20 conduct a pilot project under clause (i), a
 21 State must have an automation system
 22 with the capacity to verify through elec-
 23 tronic records the most common sources of
 24 incomes under this Act and titles XIX and
 25 XXI of the Social Security Act.

1 “(iii) ADMINISTRATION.—The Sec-
 2 retary and the Secretary of Health and
 3 Human Services shall adjust procedures
 4 under this Act and titles XIX and XXI of
 5 the Social Security Act, to the extent each
 6 of the Secretaries determines appropriate,
 7 to facilitate pilot projects under clause (i).

8 “(3) PREFERENCES.—In selecting pilot projects
 9 under this subsection, the Secretary shall provide a
 10 preference to projects that—

11 “(A) operate in rural areas; or

12 “(B) benefit low-income households resid-
 13 ing in remote rural areas.

14 “(4) WAIVER.—To reduce travel and paperwork
 15 burdens on eligible households, the Secretary may
 16 waive requirements under sections 6(c) and 11(e)(3)
 17 for pilot projects conducted under this subsection.

18 “(5) EVALUATION OF PILOT PROJECTS.—Any
 19 State conducting a pilot project under this sub-
 20 section shall provide to the Secretary, in accordance
 21 with standards established by the Secretary, an eval-
 22 uation of the effectiveness of the project.

23 “(6) FUNDING.—Of funds made available under
 24 section 18 for each of fiscal years 2001 and 2002,
 25 the Secretary shall use—

1 “(A) \$10,000,000 to pay 75 percent of the
 2 additional costs incurred by State agencies to
 3 conduct pilot projects under paragraph 2(A);
 4 and

5 “(B) \$500,000 to pay 75 percent of the
 6 costs of evaluating pilot projects conducted
 7 under paragraph 2(B).”.

8 (c) INNOVATIVE PARTICIPATION STRATEGIES.—Sec-
 9 tion 17 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2026)
 10 is amended by adding at the end the following:

11 “(1) INNOVATIVE OUT-OF-OFFICE APPLICATION AND
 12 PARTICIPATION STRATEGIES.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall con-
 14 duct demonstration projects to evaluate the feasi-
 15 bility and desirability of allowing eligible households
 16 to participate in the food stamp program through
 17 the use of the Internet and telephones instead of
 18 through in-office visits and interviews.

19 “(2) PREFERENCES.—The Secretary shall pro-
 20 vide a preference under this subsection to projects
 21 that—

22 “(A)(i) are conducted in rural areas; or

23 “(ii) serve eligible households in remote lo-
 24 cations; and

1 “(B) are collaborative efforts between
 2 State agencies and nonprofit community
 3 groups.

4 “(m) GRANTS FOR PARTNERSHIPS AND TECH-
 5 NOLOGY.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide
 7 grants to State agencies and nonprofit organizations
 8 to conduct projects to improve access to the food
 9 stamp program through partnerships and innovative
 10 technology.

11 “(2) PRIORITY.—In providing grants under this
 12 subsection, the Secretary shall give priority to
 13 projects that focus on households with low food
 14 stamp participation.

15 “(n) GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND
 16 INNOVATIVE OUTREACH STRATEGIES.—

17 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-
 18 tablish a program to award grants to eligible organi-
 19 zations described in paragraph (2)—

20 “(A) to develop and test innovative strate-
 21 gies to ensure that low-income needy eligible
 22 households that contain 1 or more members
 23 that are former or current recipients of benefits
 24 under a State program established under part
 25 A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42

1 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) continue to receive benefits
 2 under this Act if the households meet the re-
 3 quirements of this Act;

4 “(B) to help ensure that households that
 5 have applied for benefits under a State program
 6 established under part A of title IV of the So-
 7 cial Security Act, but that did not receive the
 8 benefits because of State requirements or ineli-
 9 gibility for the benefits, are aware of the avail-
 10 ability of, and are provided assistance in receiv-
 11 ing, benefits under this Act if the households
 12 meet the requirements of this Act;

13 “(C) to conduct outreach to households
 14 with earned income that is at or above the in-
 15 come eligibility limits for benefits under a State
 16 program established under part A of title IV of
 17 the Social Security Act if the households meet
 18 the requirements of this Act; and

19 “(D) to conduct outreach to households
 20 with children if the households meet the re-
 21 quirements of this Act.

22 “(2) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Grants under para-
 24 graph (1) may be provided to—

1 “(i) food banks, food rescue organiza-
2 tions, faith-based organizations, and other
3 organizations that supply food to low-in-
4 come households;

5 “(ii) schools, school districts, health
6 clinics, non-profit day care centers, Head
7 Start agencies under the Head Start Act
8 (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.), Healthy Start
9 agencies under section 301 of the Public
10 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 241), and
11 State agencies and local agencies providing
12 assistance under the special supplemental
13 nutrition program for women, infants, and
14 children established under section 17 of
15 the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42
16 U.S.C. 1786);

17 “(iii) local agencies that operate child
18 nutrition programs (as those terms are de-
19 fined in section 25(b) of the Richard B.
20 Russell National School Lunch Act (42
21 U.S.C. 1769f(b)); and

22 “(iv) other organizations designated
23 by the Secretary.

24 “(B) GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF
25 RECIPIENTS.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.— Subject to clause
2 (ii), the Secretary shall select, from all eli-
3 gible applications, at least 1 recipient to
4 receive a grant under this subsection
5 from—

6 “(I) each region of the Depart-
7 ment of Agriculture; and

8 “(II) in addition to recipients se-
9 lected under subclause (I), each rural
10 or urban area determined to be appro-
11 priate by the Secretary.

12 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary
13 shall not be required to award grants
14 based on the geographical guidelines under
15 clause (i) to the extent that the Secretary
16 determines that an insufficient number of
17 eligible grant applications has been re-
18 ceived.

19 “(3) CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall develop
20 criteria for awarding grants under paragraph (1)
21 that are based on—

22 “(A) the demonstrated record of an organi-
23 zation in serving low-income households;

24 “(B) the ability of an organization to reach
25 hard-to-serve households;

1 “(C) the level of innovation in the pro-
2 posals submitted in the application of an orga-
3 nization for a grant; and

4 “(D) the development of partnerships be-
5 tween the public and private sector entities and
6 the community.

7 “(4) ADMINISTRATION.—

8 “(A) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Not more
9 than 5 percent of the funds made available for
10 the grant program under paragraph (5) shall be
11 used by the Secretary for administrative costs
12 incurred in carrying out this subsection.

13 “(B) PROGRAM EVALUATIONS.—

14 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary
15 shall conduct evaluations of programs
16 funded by grants under this subsection.

17 “(ii) LIMITATION.—Not more than 20
18 percent of funds made available for the
19 grant program under paragraph (5) shall
20 be used for program evaluations under
21 clause (i).

22 “(5) FUNDING.—Of funds made available under
23 section 18 for each of fiscal years 2001 and 2002,
24 the Secretary shall use \$10,000,000 to carry out the
25 grant program under this subsection.”.

1 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR ADDI-**
2 **TIONAL COMMODITIES UNDER EMERGENCY**
3 **FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

4 Section 214 of the Emergency Food Assistance Act
5 of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7515) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following:

7 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any other
9 funds that are made available to carry out this sec-
10 tion, there are authorized to be appropriated to pur-
11 chase and make available additional commodities
12 under this section \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal
13 years 2002 through 2006.

14 “(2) DIRECT EXPENSES.—Not less than 50
15 percent of the amount made available under para-
16 graph (1) shall be used to pay direct expenses (as
17 defined in section 204(a)(2)) incurred by emergency
18 feeding organizations to distribute additional com-
19 modities to needy persons.”.

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