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# H. R. 7373

To amend the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to extend certain waivers related to child nutrition, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. WALORSKI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## 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 “Securing Nutrition for  
5 American Communities and Kids Act of 2022” or the  
6 “SNACK Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress finds the following:

1           (1) Supply chain disruptions have made it dif-  
2           ficult for schools to get sufficient meals and supplies  
3           needed to serve lunches to students.

4           (2) School food authorities are going the extra  
5           mile to provide students with nutritious meals, given  
6           the ongoing supply chain issues.

7           (3) In a 2021 survey of school nutrition direc-  
8           tors, 97 percent expressed concerns with continued  
9           pandemic supply chain disruptions, with 65 percent  
10          citing this as a serious concern.

11          (4) Eligible children should be spared the harm-  
12          ful consequences of current supply chain shortages  
13          by receiving school-based meals.

14          (5) School food authorities should have the nec-  
15          essary flexibilities to address supply chain shortages.

16          (6) School food authorities should receive full  
17          meal reimbursement for meals provided when im-  
18          pacted by supply chain delays beyond their control.

19          (7) School food authorities have achieved ex-  
20          traordinary success in keeping children fed through-  
21          out the pandemic. They should be recognized for this  
22          service and supported in ongoing work.

23          (8) Due to the uncertainty of supply chains and  
24          inflation, school food authorities should have the

1 ability to apply for waivers retroactively, recognizing  
2 disruptions may occur as late as the day of service.

3 (9) Before the pandemic, summer meal sites  
4 were required to serve meals at a defined location,  
5 also known as congregate meals. Due to the pan-  
6 demic, sites and schools were allowed to serve non-  
7 congregate meals, meaning parents could pick up  
8 meals or organizations could drop off multiple meals  
9 at a child’s home.

10 (10) Non-congregate waivers for summer meals  
11 made it easier for school food authorities to feed eli-  
12 gible kids during the summer months. Allowing non-  
13 congregate waivers for the summer of 2022 will give  
14 school food authorities the stability they need to feed  
15 eligible kids for the remainder of the summer.

16 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF WAIVERS.**

17 Section 2202(e) of the Families First Coronavirus  
18 Response Act (42 U.S.C. 1760 note) is amended to read  
19 as follows:

20 “(e) SUNSETS.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
22 graphs (2) and (3), the authority of the Secretary to  
23 establish or grant a waiver under this section shall  
24 expire on June 30, 2022: *Provided*, That such waiv-  
25 ers shall only apply to school year 2021–2022.

1           “(2) NON-CONGREGATE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE  
2 PROGRAM WAIVER.—The authority of the Secretary  
3 to grant or extend a waiver under this section with  
4 respect to congregate feeding under the qualified  
5 program described in subsection (f)(1)(D), and any  
6 waiver so granted or extended, shall expire on Sep-  
7 tember 30, 2022.

8           “(3) SUPPLY CHAIN MEAL PATTERN WAIVER.—  
9 The authority of the Secretary to grant or extend a  
10 waiver under subsection (c), and any waiver so  
11 granted or extended, shall expire on June 30,  
12 2024.”.

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