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H. R. 7580

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to prohibit the purchase of nutritionally deficient foods with supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2026

Mrs. LUNA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 First Act
5 of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

7 Section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
8 U.S.C. 2012) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (k) by striking “food or food
2 product” each place it appears and inserting “eligi-
3 ble food”, and

4 (2) by inserting after subsection (k) the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(k–1) ‘Eligible food’ means a food or beverage that
7 meets nutritional standards established by the Secretary
8 of Agriculture, excluding the following:

9 “(1) A sugar-sweetened beverage commonly
10 known as soda, or a nonalcoholic beverage con-
11 taining sugar, cane sugar, corn syrup, high-fructose
12 corn syrup, honey, or other caloric sweetener, ex-
13 cluding—

14 “(A) a beverage containing milk or a milk
15 substitute;

16 “(B) a beverage with more than 50 percent
17 fruit or vegetable juice; and

18 “(C) a product requiring preparation be-
19 fore consumption.

20 “(2) A candy preparation consisting of sugar,
21 honey, or other sweeteners combined with chocolate,
22 fruit, nuts, or other ingredients in bar, drop, or
23 piece form, excluding items containing flour or re-
24 quiring refrigeration.

1 “(3) A high-sugar beverage that lists carbon-
2 ated water plus any caloric sweetener (e.g. sugar,
3 cane sugar, corn syrup, HFCS) as the first 2 ingre-
4 dients listed, excluding aspartame or other non-ca-
5 loric sweetener as the first 2 ingredients listed.

6 “(4) A prepared dessert or snack food, such as
7 a cake, cookie, pastry, pie, doughnut, muffin, candy-
8 coated snack, or similar product with a high level of
9 added sugar, sodium, or saturated fat.

10 “(5) An energy drink or other beverage con-
11 taining an added sweetener, and marketed or labeled
12 as an ‘energy drink’, including a product containing
13 a stimulant such as caffeine, taurine, guarana, or a
14 similar additive.”.

15 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16 This Act and the amendment made by this Act shall
17 take effect 180 days after the date of the enactment of
18 this Act.

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