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S. 3603

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to improve the cost of living adjustment exclusion from income under the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 8 (legislative day, JANUARY 7), 2026

Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. SCHIFF) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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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 “COLAs Don’t Count
5 Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION FROM INCOME.**

2 Section 5(d) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
3 (7 U.S.C. 2014(d)) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (12), by striking “July 1” and
5 inserting “January 1”;

6 (2) in paragraph (18), by striking “and” at the
7 end;

8 (3) by redesignating paragraph (19) as para-
9 graph (20); and

10 (4) by inserting after paragraph (18) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(19) supplementary payments of the type de-
13 scribed in section 1616(a) of the Social Security Act
14 (42 U.S.C. 1382e(a)); and”.

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

16 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
17 take effect on October 1, 2027.

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