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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN **(FOR**
Viz: **HIMSELF, AND Mr. HARKIN)**

1 On page 421, between lines 3 and 4, insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SEC. 40** ____ . **DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS TO PROMOTE**
4 **HEALTHY EATING AMONG SNAP RECIPIENTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out 2
6 demonstration projects in States that agree to plan, de-
7 sign, develop, and implement programs to eliminate pur-
8 chases of unhealthful foods or beverages under the supple-
9 mental nutrition assistance program established under the
10 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.).

11 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In selecting States to carry out
12 a demonstration project under this section, the Secretary

1 shall ensure that each proposed demonstration project in-
2 cludes—

3 (1) a standard based on nutritional content
4 that—

5 (A) is demonstrated to be clear, practical,
6 and consistent in excluding certain items from
7 eligibility;

8 (B) limits the use of benefits for pur-
9 chasing foods or beverages that are identified in
10 the most recent Dietary Guidelines for Ameri-
11 cans published under section 301 of the Na-
12 tional Nutrition Monitoring and Related Re-
13 search Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5341) as foods,
14 beverages, or food components that—

15 (i) are consumed in excessive
16 amounts; and

17 (ii) may increase the risk of certain
18 chronic diseases or conditions; and

19 (C) does not—

20 (i) expand the number of items other-
21 wise eligible for assistance under the sup-
22 plemental nutrition assistance program; or

23 (ii) classify alcoholic beverages, to-
24 bacco, and hot foods or hot food products

1 ready for immediate consumption as eligi-
2 ble for assistance under that program;

3 (2) a description of the cost of implementing
4 the demonstration project in the State;

5 (3) a description of the number of households
6 participating in the supplemental nutrition assist-
7 ance program to be affected by the demonstration
8 project;

9 (4) a process for participating States to educate
10 participants and retailers about eligible and ineli-
11 gible foods, including a procedure for disseminating
12 product eligibility information to participants and
13 retailers periodically;

14 (5) a procedure to work with retailers to iden-
15 tify problems and best practices in implementing
16 new product eligibility standards;

17 (6) a procedure to monitor and evaluate pro-
18 gram operations, including the impact on partici-
19 pating households and small businesses;

20 (7) a statement that the demonstration project
21 does not reduce the eligibility for, or amount of, ben-
22 efits available under the Food and Nutrition Act of
23 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.);

24 (8) notwithstanding section 3(k) of the Food
25 and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(k)), com-

1 plies with the requirements of the Food and Nutri-
2 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.);

3 (9) the ability of the State to meet the evalua-
4 tion criteria under subsections (c) and (d); and

5 (10) any other requirements that the Secretary
6 determines to be appropriate.

7 (c) CONSIDERATION.—In selecting States to carry
8 out a demonstration project under this section, the Sec-
9 retary shall consider whether a State has previously ap-
10 plied for a waiver under the supplemental nutrition assist-
11 ance program to carry out a similar project.

12 (d) EVALUATION.—Not later than 2 years after the
13 date on which a demonstration project is initiated under
14 this section, the Secretary shall provide for an independent
15 evaluation of the projects selected under this section that
16 uses rigorous methodologies, particularly random assign-
17 ment or other methods that are capable of producing sci-
18 entifically valid information regarding effective restric-
19 tions to measure the impact of the pilot program on—

20 (1) the costs and benefits under the supple-
21 mental nutrition assistance program in the State;

22 (2) the access of individuals receiving benefits
23 under the supplemental nutrition assistance program
24 in the State to nutritious food;

25 (3) the dietary intake of—

1 (A) supplemental nutrition assistance pro-
2 gram recipients participating in the supple-
3 mental nutrition assistance program demonstra-
4 tion project; and

5 (B) a control group of supplemental nutri-
6 tion assistance program recipients not partici-
7 pating in the demonstration project; and

8 (4) other effects that the Secretary determines
9 to be appropriate.

10 (e) COSTS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—All costs associated with car-
12 rying out a pilot project and an evaluation of that
13 pilot project under this section shall—

14 (A) be provided by the State; and

15 (B) not be eligible for administrative
16 matching under section 16(a) of the Food and
17 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025(a)).

18 (2) CONTRIBUTIONS.—A State may accept and
19 use contributions from nongovernmental entities, in-
20 cluding nonprofit organizations, to carry out a pilot
21 project and an evaluation of that pilot project under
22 this section.