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(Original Signature of Member)

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. BONAMICI (for herself and Mr. TAKANO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ______

A BILL

- To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to provide notice to students receiving work-study assistance about potential eligibility for participation in the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes.
 - 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 "Opportunity to Ad-
- 5 dress College Hunger Act".

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1 SEC. 2. NOTIFICATION REGARDING SNAP FOR STUDENTS 2 RECEIVING FEDERAL WORK-STUDY ASSIST 3 ANCE.

4 Section 443 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
5 U.S.C. 1087–53) is amended by adding at the end the fol6 lowing:

7 "(f) NOTIFICATION REGARDING SNAP.—

8 "(1) IN GENERAL.—An institution receiving a 9 grant under this part shall send a notification (by 10 email or other electronic means) to each eligible stu-11 dent informing the student of their potential eligi-12 bility for participation in SNAP and the process for 13 obtaining more information, confirming eligibility, 14 and accessing benefits under that program. The no-15 tification shall be developed by the Secretary of Edu-16 cation in consultation with the Secretary of Agri-17 culture, and shall include details on eligibility re-18 quirements for participation in SNAP that a student 19 must satisfy. The notification shall be, to the extent 20 practicable, specific to the student's State of resi-21 dence and shall provide contact information for the 22 local office where an application for SNAP may be 23 made.

24 "(2) EVIDENCE OF PARTICIPATION IN FEDER25 ALLY FINANCED WORK-STUDY PROGRAM.—The noti26 fication under paragraph (1) shall include an official

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document confirming that the recipient is an eligible
 student sufficient for purposes of demonstrating that
 the exclusion from ineligibility for participation in
 SNAP under section 6(e)(4) of the Food and Nutri tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(e)(4)) applies to
 the student.
 "(3) GUIDANCE.—The Secretary of Education,

in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture,
shall provide guidance to States and institutions of
higher education on how to identify and communicate with students who are likely to be eligible for
SNAP, including those eligible for a State or federally financed work-study program.

14 "(4) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-15 section:

16 "(A) The term 'eligible student' means a
17 student receiving work-study assistance under
18 this part.

"(B) The term 'SNAP' means the supplemental nutrition assistance program (as defined
in section 3(t) of the Food and Nutrition Act
of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(t))).".