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119TH CONGRESS  
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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To address infrastructure needs for food banks serving rural communities  
and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. BONAMICI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Supporting Transpor-  
5       tation Organization and Refrigeration Expansion Act of  
6       2025” or “STORE Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING THE EFAP INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS**  
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 Section 209 of the Emergency Food Assistance Act  
4 of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7511a) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “an emergency  
6 feeding organization” and inserting “the State agen-  
7 cy designated by a State in the State plan required  
8 by section 202A (7 U.S.C. 7503)”,

9 (2) in subsection (b)(2)—

10 (A) by striking the heading and inserting  
11 “PREFERENCE”,

12 (B) by inserting “Tribal, low income, and  
13 remote” before “communities”, and

14 (C) in subparagraph (A) by striking and  
15 inserting “rural” with “these”,

16 (3) in subsection (c)—

17 (A) by striking “carry out activities of the  
18 eligible entity” and inserting “distribute grant  
19 amounts to support activities”,

20 (B) in paragraph (1) by striking “for the  
21 tracking of time-sensitive food products” and  
22 inserting “needed to safely and efficiently dis-  
23 tribute food to people in need”,

24 (C) in paragraph (2) by striking “time-sen-  
25 sitive and perishable food products” and insert-  
26 ing “commodities provided by the Secretary

1 under this Act and commodities secured from  
2 other sources”,

3 (D) in paragraph (3)—

4 (i) by striking “through the support  
5 of small or mid-size farms and ranches,  
6 fisheries, and aquaculture, and donations  
7 from local food producers and manufactur-  
8 ers to persons in need”, and

9 (ii) by inserting “, including expand-  
10 ing mobile and home delivery options and  
11 assessments or professional studies of out-  
12 reach activities” after “United States”,

13 (E) in paragraph (4) by inserting “, gov-  
14 ernmental, and Tribal” after “nonprofit”, and

15 (F) in paragraph (5)—

16 (i) in subparagraph (B) by inserting  
17 “, governmental, and Tribal” after “non-  
18 profit”, and

19 (ii) in subparagraph (C)—

20 (I) by striking “rural areas” and  
21 inserting “underserved areas identi-  
22 fied in subsection (b)(2)”, and

23 (II) by striking “and” at the end,

24 (G) in paragraph (6)—

1 (i) by striking “constructing” and in-  
2 serting “renovating”, and

3 (ii) by striking the period at the end  
4 and inserting “; and”, and

5 (H) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(7) not more than 10percent of such grant for  
7 administrative costs to carry this section.”, and  
8 (4) in subsection (d) by striking “\$15,000,000”  
9 and all that follows through “2023”, and inserting  
10 “\$25,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2026  
11 through 2030”.

12 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON COLD STORAGE NEEDS NATIONALLY.**

13 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date  
14 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture  
15 shall carry out a study and produce a report—

16 (1) on the shortages to meet the total emer-  
17 gency food needs for refrigerated and frozen storage  
18 space, as well as refrigerated trucks and other deliv-  
19 ery vehicles, for use by emergency food organizations  
20 to meet the needs of their communities, and

21 (2) an estimate of the cost to meet the needs  
22 of all emergency food organizations, including food  
23 banks and food pantries, nationally for new coolers,  
24 freezers, refrigerated and dry trucks, and trailers.

25 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

1           (1) EMERGENCY FOOD ORGANIZATION.—The  
2       term “emergency food organization” has the mean-  
3       ing given it in section 2 of the Emergency Food As-  
4       sistance Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7501) and is not oth-  
5       erwise limited to relevant organizations participating  
6       in the emergency food assistance program under  
7       such Act.

8           (2) SHORTAGES.—The term “shortages” means  
9       meeting the total emergency food needs of the com-  
10      munity, group, school, network, region, town, city,  
11      state, or otherwise relevant area an emergency feed-  
12      ing organization serves.

13       (c) APPROPRIATIONS.—There is appropriated, out of  
14   any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
15   \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry  
16   out this section.