

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5048

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to permit States to record in writing that applicants for supplemental nutrition assistance benefits have signed an application through a recorded verbal assent over the telephone.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 17, 2021

Ms. KUSTER (for herself, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. CASE, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JACOBS of California, Ms. NEWMAN, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. STRICKLAND, and Mrs. TRAHAN) 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 “Streamlining Nutrition
5 Assistance Paperwork Act of 2021” or the “SNAP Act
6 of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT.**

2 Section 11(e)(2)(C)(iii)(I) of the Food and Nutrition
3 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2020(e)(2)(C)(iii)(I)) is amended
4 by inserting “as audio or in writing” after “record”.

5 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION OF AMENDMENT.**

6 (a) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This Act, and the amend-
7 ment made by this Act, shall take effect on January 1,
8 2023.

9 (b) **APPLICATION OF AMENDMENT.**—The amendment
10 made by section 2 shall apply with respect to applications
11 made after the effective date of this Act.

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