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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. POLIS of Colorado introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Ending Childhood
3 Hunger Challenge Act of 2010”.

4 **SEC. 2. STATE CHILDHOOD HUNGER CHALLENGE GRANTS.**

5 The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act
6 (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) is amended by inserting after
7 section 22 the following:

8 **“SEC. 23. STATE CHILDHOOD HUNGER CHALLENGE**
9 **GRANTS.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts appropriated
11 under subsection (k), the Secretary may competitively
12 award grants, or enter into competitively awarded cooper-
13 ative agreements with, the Governors of States to carry
14 out comprehensive and innovative demonstration projects
15 to end childhood hunger, including projects that establish
16 public-private partnerships and alternative models for
17 service delivery that promote the reduction or elimination
18 of childhood hunger by 2015.

19 “(b) GRANT SIZE.—In determining the size of a
20 grant to award to a State under this section, the Secretary
21 shall consider—

22 “(1) the proportion of children in the State cer-
23 tified as eligible for free and reduced price meals
24 under this Act; and

25 “(2) the rates of food insecurity, hunger, or
26 poverty in the State, as determined by the Secretary.

1 “(c) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
2 or cooperative agreement under this section, a Governor
3 of a State shall submit to the Secretary an application
4 at such time, in such manner, and containing such infor-
5 mation as the Secretary may require.

6 “(d) PROJECTS.—A Governor of a State receiving
7 funds under this section shall use such funds to carry out
8 a demonstration project based on a comprehensive and in-
9 novative strategy to end childhood hunger, including a
10 project that—

11 “(1) enhances benefits or provides for innova-
12 tive program delivery models in the Federal child
13 nutrition programs, including the school meal pro-
14 grams, afterschool snack programs, summer feeding
15 programs, weekend feeding programs, child and
16 adult care food programs, the Special Supplemental
17 Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Chil-
18 dren established under the Child Nutrition Act of
19 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.), and programs under
20 the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011
21 et seq.);

22 “(2) increase access and participation in Fed-
23 eral child nutrition programs; and

24 “(3) improve the coordination of Federal, State,
25 and community resources and services aimed at

1 eliminating food insecurity and hunger, including
2 Federal nutrition assistance programs, Federal child
3 nutrition programs, other Federal, State, or local as-
4 sistance programs and services, and private or non-
5 profit assistance efforts.

6 “(e) SELECTION CRITERIA.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-
8 tion with the Secretaries listed in paragraph (2),
9 shall determine the range of projects to be funded
10 under this section and evaluate applications sub-
11 mitted under subsection (c) based on publicly dis-
12 seminated criteria that may include—

13 “(A) a description of the target population,
14 including children eligible for free or reduced
15 price meals under this Act or section 4 of the
16 Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et
17 seq.) that are at risk of experiencing hunger or
18 food insecurity;

19 “(B) a commitment to approaches that use
20 rigorous methodologies for implementation and
21 evaluation, as described in subsection (g);

22 “(C) a comprehensive and innovative strat-
23 egy to reduce the risk of childhood hunger or
24 provide a significant improvement to the food
25 security status of households with children;

1 “(D) as part of the comprehensive and in-
2 novative strategy, a consideration of approaches
3 to improve the nutritional status of children eli-
4 gible for free and reduced price meals under
5 this Act or section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act
6 of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.);

7 “(E) a partnership among public and pri-
8 vate stakeholders that demonstrates a commit-
9 ment to collaborate toward ending childhood
10 hunger through a coordinated plan;

11 “(F) a preference for projects with a 25
12 percent non-Federal match that may be pro-
13 vided in cash or fairly evaluated in-kind con-
14 tributions, including facilities, equipment, serv-
15 ices, or staffing from a State government, a
16 local government, or a private source; and

17 “(G) such other criteria as are determined
18 by the Secretary.

19 “(2) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall con-
20 sult with—

21 “(A) the Secretary of Health and Human
22 Services;

23 “(B) the Secretary of Labor;

24 “(C) the Secretary of Education; and

1 “(D) the Secretary of Housing and Urban
2 Development.

3 “(f) REQUIREMENTS.—A Governor of a State receiv-
4 ing funding under this section to carry out a demonstra-
5 tion project shall provide for—

6 “(1) a collaboration among key stakeholders in
7 the State, such as representatives from business,
8 nonprofits, faith- and community-based organiza-
9 tions, institutions of higher education, the philan-
10 thropic sector, and public agencies that oversee Fed-
11 eral child nutrition programs, education, housing,
12 public health, and other social service programs;

13 “(2) a collaborative planning process that re-
14 sults in a comprehensive agenda to eliminate child-
15 hood hunger that is—

16 “(A) described in a detailed project plan;
17 and

18 “(B) provided to the Secretary for ap-
19 proval;

20 “(3) an annual budget;

21 “(4) specific performance goals, including the
22 goal to sharply reduce or eliminate food insecurity
23 among children in the State by 2015, as determined
24 through a methodology prescribed by the Secretary
25 and carried out by the Governor; and

1 “(5) an independent evaluation described in
2 subsection (g).

3 “(g) EVALUATION.—Each Governor of a State receiv-
4 ing funding under this section, with respect to any project
5 carried out with such funds in the State, shall carry out
6 an independent evaluation—

7 “(1) that measures the impact of any activities
8 carried out under the project on the level of food in-
9 security in the State that—

10 “(A) focuses particularly on the rate of
11 food insecurity among children in the State;
12 and

13 “(B) includes a preimplementation baseline
14 and annual measurements taken during the
15 project of the level of food insecurity in the
16 State; and

17 “(C) is carried out using a scientifically
18 valid methodology prescribed by the Secretary;
19 and

20 “(2) that evaluates—

21 “(A) the impact of the project on appro-
22 priate participation, food security, nutrition,
23 and associated behavioral outcomes among par-
24 ticipating children; and

1 “(B) using rigorous experimental designs
2 and methodologies, particularly random assign-
3 ment or other methods that are capable of pro-
4 ducing scientifically valid information, to deter-
5 mine which activities are effective in reducing
6 the prevalence or preventing the incidence of
7 food insecurity and hunger in the community,
8 especially among children.

9 “(h) REPORTING.—Not later than December 31,
10 2011 and each December 31 thereafter until the date on
11 which the last evaluation under subsection (g) of a project
12 funded under this section is completed, the Secretary
13 shall—

14 “(1) submit to the Committee on Agriculture
15 and the Committee on Education and Labor of the
16 House of Representatives and the Committee on Ag-
17 riculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate, a
18 report that includes a description of—

19 “(A) the status of each demonstration
20 project carried out with funds under this sec-
21 tion; and

22 “(B) the results of any evaluations of the
23 demonstration projects completed during the
24 previous fiscal year; and

1 “(2) ensure that the evaluation results are
2 shared broadly to inform policy makers, service pro-
3 viders, other partners, and the public in order to
4 promote the wide use of successful strategies.

5 “(i) LIMITATIONS.—

6 “(1) DURATION.—No project may be funded
7 under this section for more than 5 years.

8 “(2) NUMBER OF PROJECT.—No State may re-
9 ceive funds under this section to carry out more
10 than 1 project.

11 “(3) PERFORMANCE BASIS.—Funds provided
12 under this section shall be made available to a Gov-
13 ernor of a State for each year of the grant or con-
14 tract awarded to such State. The amount of funds
15 provided for each year shall be contingent on the
16 satisfactory implementation of the project plan sub-
17 mitted under subsection (f)(2) and progress towards
18 the performance goals defined in the plan.

19 “(4) ALTERING NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PRO-
20 GRAM REQUIREMENTS.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—No project that makes
22 use of, alters, or coordinates with the supple-
23 mental nutrition assistance program may be
24 funded under this section unless the project is
25 fully consistent with the project requirements

1 described in section 17(b)(1)(B) of the Food
2 and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.
3 2026(b)(1)(B)).

4 “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—In determining
5 whether a project is fully consistent with the re-
6 quirements described in subparagraph (A) and
7 therefore eligible to be funded under this sec-
8 tion, the Secretary shall ensure that allowing
9 the project to be funded under this section—

10 “(i) would demonstrably advance the
11 goal of ending childhood hunger, as posi-
12 tively determined by the Secretary;

13 “(ii) would preserve all existing enti-
14 tlements to nutrition assistance benefits
15 and services;

16 “(iii) would not restrict eligibility or
17 reduce benefits for any individual; and

18 “(iv) would not result in a transfer of
19 funding designated by law for a specific
20 program authorized under this Act, the
21 Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.
22 1771 et seq.), the commodity supplemental
23 food program established under section 5
24 of the Agriculture and Consumer Protec-
25 tion Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note;

1 Public Law 93–86), the Emergency Food
2 Assistance Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7501 et
3 seq.), or the Food and Nutrition Act of
4 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.), to any other
5 program.

6 “(5) OTHER BENEFITS.—Funds made available
7 under this section may not be used for any project
8 in a manner that is inconsistent with—

9 “(A) the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42
10 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.);

11 “(B) the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
12 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.); or

13 “(C) the Emergency Food Assistance Act
14 of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7501 et seq.).

15 “(j) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

16 “(1) CHILD.—The term ‘child’ means a person
17 under the age of 18.

18 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
19 tity’ means a public or private not-for-profit agency
20 or organization, as determined by the Secretary.

21 “(3) GOVERNOR OF A STATE.—The term ‘Gov-
22 ernor of a State’ means—

23 “(A) a Governor of a State; or

24 “(B) an eligible entity approved by a Gov-
25 ernor of a State.

1 “(k) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated \$50,000,000 to carry
3 out this section for fiscal years 2011 through 2015, to re-
4 main available until September 30, 2015.”.