

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 5003
OFFERED BY MS. WILSON**

Insert after section 109 the following:

1 **SEC. 109A. EXPANSION OF SALAD BARS IN SCHOOLS.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) In the United States, one-third of all school-
4 aged children are overweight or obese and very few
5 eat the daily amount of fruits and vegetables rec-
6 ommended by national health authorities.

7 (2) On average, more than 30 million children
8 participate in the National School Lunch Program
9 daily, with more than 70 percent qualifying for free
10 or reduced-price meals based on family household in-
11 come.

12 (3) Improving the healthfulness of school meals,
13 including serving more fruits and vegetables, will im-
14 prove children's eating habits and their health. The
15 Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommends that
16 children "make half their plate fruits and vegeta-
17 bles" at each meal.

1 (4) Research indicates that school salad bars
2 are an effective strategy to increase children's con-
3 sumption of a wide variety of fruits and vegetables.

4 (5) Salad bars are one of the easiest ways for
5 school food authorities to meet the new school lunch
6 nutrition standards that require serving a fruit and
7 a vegetable every day, a colorful variety of vegetables
8 every week, and that students select at least one-half
9 cup of a fruit or a vegetable at lunch.

10 (6) Salad bars are effective in elementary, mid-
11 dle, and high school, they empower students to try
12 new fruits and vegetables and are a tangible example
13 of a school's commitment to wellness and healthier
14 school meals.

15 (b) EXPANSION OF SALAD BARS.—Section 18 of the
16 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.
17 1769), as amended by this Act, is further amended by
18 adding at the end the following:

19 “(i) EXPANSION OF SALAD BARS.—

20 “(1) MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS
21 PLAN.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the
22 enactment of this subsection, the Secretary shall es-
23 tablish and implement a plan to promote the use of
24 salad bars in schools participating in the school
25 lunch program established under this Act.

1 “(2) TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

2 In carrying out the plan described in paragraph (1),
3 the Secretary shall provide training and technical as-
4 sistance to eligible entities to assist the entities in
5 establishing salad bars in schools. Such training and
6 technical assistance may include:

7 “(A) webinars;

8 “(B) training workshops;

9 “(C) implementation resources;

10 “(D) nutrition education; and

11 “(E) strategies for parent engagement and
12 encourage collaboration with allied organiza-
13 tions and partners.

14 “(3) GRANT PROGRAM.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the
16 plan described in paragraph (1), the Secretary
17 shall establish a grant program under which the
18 Secretary shall provide grants, on a competitive
19 basis, to eligible entities selected under sub-
20 paragraph (C).

21 “(B) USE OF FUNDS.—Each eligible entity
22 receiving a grant under this subsection shall use
23 the grant funds to award schools a one-time
24 payment equal to the anticipated cost of install-

1 ing a salad bar, including the purchase of any
2 durable equipment required for a salad bar.

3 “(C) APPLICATION.—

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—To receive a grant
5 under this subsection, an eligible entity
6 shall submit to the Secretary an applica-
7 tion at such time, in such manner, and
8 containing such information as the Sec-
9 retary may require.

10 “(ii) PRIORITY.—In selecting grant
11 recipients, the Secretary may give priority
12 to eligible entities that—

13 “(I) serve schools in which not
14 less than 50 percent of the students
15 are eligible for free or reduced price
16 lunches;

17 “(II) serve schools in food
18 deserts; or

19 “(III) provide nutrition education
20 to students.

21 “(D) TERMINATION.—The grant program
22 shall terminate 5 years after the date of the en-
23 actment of this subsection.

24 “(E) EVALUATION.—Each grantee shall
25 submit to the Secretary an evaluation of the

1 grant program at such time, in such manner,
2 and containing such information as the Sec-
3 retary may require.

4 “(4) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
5 date of the enactment of this subsection, the Sec-
6 retary shall submit a report to the Committee on
7 Education and the Workforce and the Committee on
8 Agriculture of the House of Representatives, and the
9 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
10 of the Senate, which includes—

11 “(A) recommendations, if any, for pro-
12 moting and establishing more salad bars in
13 schools;

14 “(B) the number of schools nationwide
15 that have a salad bar program in their school;

16 “(C) the number of schools that have new
17 salad bars as a result of the plan described in
18 paragraph (1); and

19 “(D) the evaluations submitted by grantees
20 under paragraph (4)(E).

21 “(5) REVISION OF GUIDANCE ON SALAD BARS
22 IN THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM.—Not
23 later than 90 days after submitting the report under
24 paragraph (4), the Secretary shall revise the March
25 27, 2013, policy memorandum SP 31–2013, ‘Salad

1 Bars in the National School Lunch Program', in
2 light of any recommendations contained in the re-
3 port.

4 “(6) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

5 “(A) DURABLE EQUIPMENT.—The term
6 ‘durable equipment’ means durable food prepa-
7 ration, handling, cooking, serving, and storage
8 equipment greater than \$500 in value.

9 “(B) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligi-
10 ble entity’ means—

11 “(i) a school; or

12 “(ii) a school food authority.

13 “(C) FOOD DESERT.—The term ‘food
14 desert’ means a census tract with a substantial
15 share of residents who live in low-income areas
16 that have low levels of access to a grocery store
17 or a healthy, affordable food retail outlet.”.

18 (c) PROHIBITION ON NEW APPROPRIATIONS.—No
19 additional funds are authorized to be appropriated to
20 carry out this section and the amendments made by this
21 section, and this section and such amendments shall be
22 carried out using amounts otherwise made available for
23 such purposes.

