

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 5003  
OFFERED BY MR. TAKANO**

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.

