[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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H. R. _____

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to award grants to food banks, food pantries, and emergency feeding organizations for Kosher-certified food, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LAWLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. GRANTS FOR KOSHER-CERTIFIED FOOD.

(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall award, on a competitive basis, grants to cov-

ered entities to carry out the activities described in subsection (c).

(2) GRANT PERIOD.—A grant awarded under this section shall be for a period of 1 year.

(b) APPLICATION.—A covered entity seeking a grant under this section shall submit to the Secretary an application in such form, at such time, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

(c) USE OF FUNDS.—A covered entity that receives a grant under this section shall use such grant funds to purchase Kosher-certified food for distribution to individuals served by the entity.

(d) REPORT.—Not later than [to be supplied] [days?] after the conclusion of the grant period, a covered entity that receives a grant under this section shall submit to the Secretary a report on—

(1) the [amount] [*Is this referring to a dollar amount, or a list of foods, or something else?*] of Kosher-certified food purchased [*If the latter option from first bracket:* disaggregated by type of food?] and distributed pursuant to such grant;

(2) the number of individuals served by such distribution; and

(3) the ways in which the entity used such grant funds [other than to purchase and distribute Kosher-certified food?];

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COVERED ENTITY.—The term ''covered entity'' means a food bank, a food pantry, and an emergency feeding organization (as such terms are defined in section 201A of the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7501)).

(2) KOSHER-CERTIFIED FOOD.—The term ''Kosher-certified food'' means food that is certified Kosher by an organization qualified to make such a certification, as determined by the Secretary.