

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5643

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

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

Ms. KUSTER (for herself and Mr. MCGOVERN) 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 Paperwork Act of 2023” or the “SNP Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

2 Section 11(e)(2)(C) of the Food and Nutrition Act
3 of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2020(e)(2)(C)) is amended—

4 (1) in clause (ii)—

5 (A) in the heading, by inserting “OR
6 VIDEO”, after “TELEPHONIC”, and

7 (B) by inserting “or by gesture over a
8 video phone for hearing impaired applicants”
9 before the period at the end, and

10 (2) in clause (iii)(I) by inserting “as audio or
11 in writing” after “record”.

12 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.**

13 (a) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This Act, and the amend-
14 ments made by this Act, shall take effect on January 1,
15 2024.

16 (b) **APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.**—The amend-
17 ments made by section 2 shall apply with respect to appli-
18 cations made after the effective date of this Act.

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