

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 2885

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to permit States to record in writing that applicants for supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits have signed an application through a recorded verbal assent over the telephone.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

Mr. WELCH (for himself and Mr. FETTERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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## 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 VIDEO  
6 PHONE” 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.**

13 This Act, and the amendment made by this Act, shall  
14 take effect on January 1, 2024.

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