

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1723

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to make institutions of higher education eligible for assistance for community food projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 2019

Ms. JUDY CHU of California (for herself and Mr. MARSHALL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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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 “Campus Hunger Re-
5 duction Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) In a December 2018 report which reviewed
9 data from 31 studies on food insecurity among col-

1 lege students, the Government Accountability Office
2 found that 22 of the 31 surveys estimated food inse-
3 curity rates of over 30 percent.

4 (2) Hunger threatens a student’s health, cog-
5 nitive ability, and economic security.

6 (3) Institutions of higher education should
7 strive to collect edible, surplus food from campus-op-
8 erated dining facilities that would be thrown away
9 and distribute such food to students experiencing
10 hunger.

11 (4) Institutions of higher education should part-
12 ner with local organizations such as regional food
13 banks to reduce hunger and support operation of
14 food pantries on campus.

15 **SEC. 3. ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS.**

16 Section 25 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
17 (7 U.S.C. 2034) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
19 following new paragraph:

20 “(4) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—
21 The term ‘institution of higher education’ has the
22 meaning given the term in section 101 of the Higher
23 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).”; and

1 (2) in subsection (c), in the matter before para-
2 graph (1), by inserting “an institution of higher edu-
3 cation,” before “or a private”.

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