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S. 4543

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to allow States to waive certain administrative requirements for recertification, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 13, 2024

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

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 “SNAP Recertification
5 Reform Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIRE-**
 2 **MENTS FOR RECERTIFICATION UNDER SUP-**
 3 **PLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PRO-**
 4 **GRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 11(e)(6) of the Food and
 6 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2020(e)(6)) is amend-
 7 ed—

8 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at
 9 the end; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(C) the State agency may waive recertifi-
 12 cation interviews required by the Secretary sub-
 13 ject to the condition that the applicant—

14 “(i) waives the interview; and

15 “(ii) has already demonstrated eligi-
 16 bility for the continuation of benefits; and

17 “(D) if the Secretary requires an applicant
 18 interview for recertification, the State agency
 19 shall give the applicant the option to conduct
 20 the interview in-person, by phone, virtually, or
 21 through any other medium determined by the
 22 Secretary to reduce administrative burden;”.

23 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 24 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 180
 25 days after the date of enactment of this Act.