

119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. SCHIFF) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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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 “COLAs Don’t Count  
5       Act of 2026”.

1   **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION FROM INCOME.**

2           Section 5(d) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008  
3   (7 U.S.C. 2014(d)) is amended—

4           (1) in paragraph (12), by striking “July 1” and  
5           inserting “January 1”;

6           (2) in paragraph (18), by striking “and” at the  
7           end;

8           (3) by redesignating paragraph (19) as para-  
9           graph (20); and

10          (4) by inserting after paragraph (18) the fol-  
11       lowing:

12           “(19) supplementary payments of the type de-  
13       scribed in section 1616(a) of the Social Security Act  
14       (42 U.S.C. 1382e(a)); and”.

15   **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16       This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall  
17   take effect on October 1, 2027.