

119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to improve the cost of living adjustment exclusion from income under the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes.

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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.