AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2419, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. BLUMENAUER OF OREGON

In section 4020, strike subsection (a) and insert the following:

1 (a) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE.—Section
2 25(b)(2) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.
3 2034(b(2)) is amended to read as follows:
4 "(2) LIMITATION ON GRANTS.—The total
5 amount of funds provided as grants under this sec-
6 tion may not exceed $45,000,000 for each of fiscal
7 years 2008 through 2012.".

In the amendment made by section 11002(d)(1), strike "2 percentage points" and insert "3 percentage points".

At the end of title XI, add the following new section:

8 **SEC. 11311. URBAN AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION PROGRAM.**
9 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following
10 (1) Urban agriculture production serves health,
11 food security, economic and community development
12 goals.
13 (2) Urban communities at risk for obesity,
14 Type II diabetes, and other chronic diet related dis-

1 eases benefit from the access to fresh agricultural
2 products and gardens where good nutritional behav-
3 ior and healthy food choices are modeled.
4 (3) Community and school gardens and other
5 urban agriculture enterprises are entry points for
6 new food system workers and farmers who value
7 healthy food choices.
8 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Agriculture,
9 acting through the Natural Resources Conservation Serv-
10 ice, and in cooperation with the Cooperative State Re-
11 search, Education, and Extension Service and other agen-
12 cies as appropriate, shall establish an Urban Agriculture
13 Production Program to promote agricultural production
14 capacity in metropolitan counties for the purposes of im-
15 proving food security, addressing obesity, increasing ac-
16 cess to healthy food and nutrition education in low income
17 areas, and increasing the number of urban agricultural en-
18 terprises, community and school gardens, and the services
19 provided to them.
20 (c) ASSISTANCE.—In carrying out this section, the
21 Secretary shall—
22 (1) provide urban agriculture production
23 grants, provide technical assistance, and carry out
24 information and education programs to foster food
25 production in towns and cities; and

1 (2) provide a priority for projects seeking to di-
2 rect fresh produce to food insecure communities and
3 neighborhoods surrounding production sites.
4 (d) FUNDING AMOUNTS.—From amounts made
5 available to carry out this section for each of fiscal years
6 2008 through 2012, the Secretary shall use $5,000,000
7 in each of such fiscal years to make grants under this sec-
8 tion to private nonprofit entities that—
9 (1) have experience in areas of—
10 (A) planning, constructing, and maintain-
11 ing public community or school gardens; and
12 (B) nonprofit entrepreneurial youth or job
13 skills training in low-income communities;
14 (2) demonstrate competency to implement a
15 project, provide fiscal accountability, collect data,
16 and prepare reports and other necessary documenta-
17 tion; and
18 (3) demonstrate a willingness to share informa-
19 tion with researchers, practitioners, and other inter-
20 ested parties.
21 (e) PREFERENCE FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS.—In se-
22 lecting urban agriculture production projects to receive as-
23 sistance under this section, the Secretary shall give a pref-
24 erence to projects designed to—

1 (1) develop and strengthen linkages between
2 urban producers, community-based organizations,
3 private businesses, schools and other public institu-
4 tions and agencies;
5 (2) operate in underserved markets and low in-
6 come neighborhoods; and
7 (3) engage with youth, the elderly, and immi-
8 grant communities.
9 (f) MATCHING FUNDS REQUIREMENTS.—
10 (1) REQUIREMENTS.—The Federal share of the
11 cost of establishing or carrying out a community
12 food project that receives assistance under this sec-
13 tion may not exceed 75 percent of the cost of the
14 project during the term of the grant.
15 (2) CALCULATION.—In providing for the non-
16 Federal share of the cost of carrying out a commu-
17 nity food project, the entity receiving the grant shall
18 provide for the share through a payment in cash or
19 in kind, fairly evaluated, including facilities, equip-
20 ment, or services.
21 (3) SOURCES.—An entity may provide for the
22 non-Federal share through State government, local
23 government, or private sources.
24 (g) TERM OF GRANT.—

1 (1) SINGLE GRANT.—An urban food project
2 may be supported by only a single grant under this
3 section.
4 (2) TERM.—The term of a grant under this
5 section may not exceed 3 years.
6 (h) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND RELATED INFOR-
7 MATION.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary may
8 provide technical assistance regarding urban food projects,
9 processes, and development to any entity seeking the as-
10 sistance.