

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2419, AS REPORTED**  
**OFFERED BY MR. DAVIS OF ALABAMA**

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

1 **SEC. 11211. RESERVATION OF FUNDS FOR SOCIALLY DIS-**  
2 **ADVANTAGED FARMERS AND RANCHERS IN**  
3 **THE SPECIALTY CROP PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSES.**—The Sec-  
5 retary of Agriculture shall establish and carry out, for  
6 each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012, a program to im-  
7 prove access of socially disadvantaged farmer and ranch-  
8 ers to specialty crop programs and to increase participa-  
9 tion of socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers in the  
10 program described under section 10603 of the Farm Secu-  
11 rity and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 612c-  
12 4).

13 (b) **RESERVATION OF SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK**  
14 **GRANT FUNDS.**—Of the funds made available under sec-  
15 tion 101 of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of  
16 2004 for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall reserve 10 per-  
17 cent of the funds for use by eligible entities to carry out  
18 the program under this section.

1           (e) CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.—The Secretary shall  
2 make grants and enter into contracts with eligible entities  
3 that are qualified to provide technical assistance to carry  
4 out the purposes of the program under this section. The  
5 Secretary shall seek review for funds provided under this  
6 section from peers that qualify as eligible entities and that  
7 do not have applications pending in the current review  
8 cycle.

9           (d) ELIGIBILITY.—An eligible entity under this sec-  
10 tion is the same as an entity described in section 2501(a)  
11 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of  
12 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2279(a)).

13           (e) TARGETING OF SECTION 32 FUNDS FOR PUR-  
14 CHASE OF FRUITS, VEGETABLES, AND NUTS TO SUPPORT  
15 DOMESTIC NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—

16           (1) IN GENERAL.—Utilizing the technical as-  
17 sistance provided under this section to increase ca-  
18 pacity, the Secretary shall—

19                   (A) establish a target of using 10 percent  
20 of the funds provided under section 10103(a)  
21 for making purchases of qualified products  
22 from socially disadvantaged farmers and ranch-  
23 ers or cooperatives or associations composed of  
24 socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers, or

1 from Indian Tribes, in each of fiscal years 2008  
2 through 2012; and

3 (B) reserve not less than 5 percent of the  
4 funds provided under section 10103(a) for mak-  
5 ing such purchases from such entities in each  
6 of fiscal years 2011 and 2012.

7 (2) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than one year  
8 after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually  
9 thereafter through fiscal year 2012, the Secretary  
10 shall submit to Congress a report on the actions  
11 taken to carry out this subsection.

12 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term “socially  
13 disadvantaged farmer or rancher” has the meaning given  
14 the term in section 2501(e) of the Food, Agriculture, Con-  
15 servation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2279(e)).