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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2419, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. GERLACH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

At the end of subtitle A of title II, add the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 2113. ADDITIONAL TITLE-HOLDING OPTION UNDER**
2 **FARM AND RANCLAND PROTECTION PRO-**
3 **GRAM.**

4 Section 1238I of the Farm Security Act of 1985 (16
5 U.S.C. 3838i), as amended by section 2110, is further
6 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
7 section:

8 “(i) ALTERNATIVE TITLE-HOLDING OPTION.—
9 “(1) RESERVATION OF FUNDS; PURPOSE.—Of
10 the funds made available under section 1241(a)(4)
11 for a fiscal year to carry out this section, the Sec-
12 retary shall reserve not less than 15 percent to make
13 grants to support cooperative efforts by an eligible
14 State agency, a county, and one or more other eligi-
15 ble entities to purchase conservation easements and
16 other interests in eligible land, the title to which will
17 be held by an eligible entity rather than the United
18 States.

1 “(2) COST SHARING.—The share of the cost of
2 purchasing a conservation easement or other interest
3 in eligible land borne by the United States under
4 this subsection shall not exceed 25 percent. The
5 State agency involved in the purchase shall con-
6 tribute 25 percent of the purchase price, the county
7 involved in the purchase shall contribute 25 percent
8 of the purchase price, and the other eligible entities
9 involved in the purchase shall contribute 25 percent
10 of the purchase price.

11 “(3) PROHIBITION ON USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—
12 Federal funds made available under this subsection
13 may not be used by grant recipients for administra-
14 tive purposes.”.