

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2419, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. WEINER OF NEW YORK**

At an appropriate place in title IV, insert the following (and make such technical and conforming changes as may be appropriate):

1 **SEC. ____ . PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR BIOMETRIC**
2 **IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY.**

3 Section 16 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.
4 2025) is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(1) PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR BIOMETRIC
6 IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY.—

7 “(1) DEFINITION OF BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICA-
8 TION TECHNOLOGY.—In this subsection, the term
9 ‘biometric identification technology’ means a tech-
10 nology that provides an automated method to iden-
11 tify an individual based on physical characteristics,
12 such as fingerprints or retinal scans.

13 “(2) ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS.—The Secretary
14 may not pay a State agency any amount for admin-
15 istrative costs for the development, purchase, admin-
16 istration, or other costs associated with the use of
17 biometric identification technology unless the State

1 agency has, under such terms and conditions as the
2 Secretary considers appropriate

3 “(A) provided to the Secretary an analysis
4 of the cost-effectiveness to the food stamp pro-
5 gram of the use of the proposed biometric iden-
6 tification technology to detect fraud in carrying
7 out the food stamp program;

8 “(B) DEMONSTRATED TO THE SECRETARY
9 THAT THE ANALYSIS IS.—

10 “(i) statistically valid; and

11 “(ii) based on appropriate and valid
12 assumptions for the households served by
13 the food stamp program;

14 “(C) DEMONSTRATED TO THE SECRETARY
15 THAT.—

16 “(i) the proposed biometric identifica-
17 tion technology is cost-effective in reducing
18 fraud; and

19 “(ii) there are no other technologies
20 or fraud-detection methods that are at
21 least as cost-effective in carrying out the
22 purposes of the proposed biometric identi-
23 fication system; and

24 “(D) demonstrated to the Secretary that
25 no information produced by or used in the bio-

1 metric information technology system will be
2 made available or used for any other purpose
3 except for those purposes allowed under section
4 11(e)(8).

5 “(3) STANDARDS.—The Secretary shall estab-
6 lish uniform standards for the evaluation of cost-ef-
7 fectiveness and information control analyses with re-
8 spect to the food stamp program submitted to the
9 Secretary under paragraph (2).”.