

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2419, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON-LEE OF TEXAS**

Page 224, line 10, strike the closing quotation marks and after line 10 insert:

1 **“SEC. ___1238J. SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARM AND**
2 **RANCH LAND OWNERS.**

3 “(a) **RESERVATION OF FUNDS.**—The Secretary shall
4 reserve 10 percent of the funds made available for pur-
5 poses of this subchapter to establish and carry out a spe-
6 cial Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program designed
7 to protect land owned by, and to ensure the enrollment
8 of, socially disadvantaged farm and ranch land owners in
9 conservation easement programs under this subchapter.

10 “(b) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of the special program
11 established under this section is the protection of the land
12 of socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers and land-
13 owners.

14 “(c) **AUTHORITY.**—In carrying out the special pro-
15 gram under this section, the Secretary may—

16 “(1) enter into grants and agreements with eli-
17 gible entities who represent, and have at least 3
18 years experience working with, socially disadvan-
19 tagged farmers and ranchers and landowners;

1 “(2) provide public education and outreach to
2 familiarize socially disadvantaged farmer and ranch-
3 er landowners in conservation easement programs;
4 and

5 “(3) pay up to 95 percent of the value of devel-
6 opment rights in areas with high loss of land owned
7 by socially disadvantaged and beginning farmers and
8 ranchers.”.
