

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 8953

To amend the Food Emergency Assistance Act of 1983 to restore choice to community food assistance providers to request identification, at their discretion, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2026

Mr. YAKYM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Preserving Community  
5 Food Assistance Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT.**

7 Section 202A(b)(4) of the Emergency Food Assist-  
8 ance Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7503(b)(4)) is amended by

1 inserting “(at the option of the State agency based on doc-  
2 umented proof of residency such as a photo identification  
3 card, a piece of mail, residency documentation, or other  
4 similar document)” after “residing”.

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