

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1038

To direct the Bureau of Labor Statistics to prepare and publish a Consumer Price Index for Rural Consumers, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 2025

Mr. VASQUEZ (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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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 “Combating Rural In-  
5 flation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR RURAL CONSUMERS.**

7 The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department  
8 of Labor shall prepare and publish an index for each cal-  
9 endar month beginning with January 2026 to be known  
10 as the “Consumer Price Index for Rural Consumers” that

1 indicates changes over time in expenditures for consump-  
2 tion which are typical for individuals in the United States  
3 who reside in rural communities.

