

119TH CONGRESS
2D 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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2026

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

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”.

