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Committee on Agriculture

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Submitted by Rep. Gillibrand – Title VI– Buy Local Preference

**Buy Local Preference  
Rural Development Title VI  
Rep. Kirsten Gillibrand**

This amendment will encourage the development of local and regional food systems by creating a preference within the Business and Industry program for loans and loan guarantees for rural food enterprise entrepreneurs that process and distribute food locally and regionally.

There is no cost.

**AMENDMENT TO THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
TITLE  
OFFERED BY MRS. GILLIBRAND OF NEW YORK**

Page 5, after line 3, insert the following (and redesignate succeeding sections and cross-references thereto, and conform the table of contents, accordingly):

1 **SEC. 6010. CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED IN PROVIDING**  
2 **LOANS AND LOAN GUARANTEES UNDER THE**  
3 **BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY LOAN PROGRAM.**

4 Section 310B(g) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural  
5 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(g)) is amended by add-  
6 ing at the end the following:

7 “(9)(A) In providing loans and loan guarantees under  
8 this section, the Secretary shall consider an application  
9 more favorably when compared to other applications to the  
10 extent that the project described in the application sup-  
11 ports community development and farm and ranch income  
12 by marketing, distributing, storing, aggregating, or proc-  
13 essing a locally or regionally produced agricultural prod-  
14 uct.

15 “(B) In subparagraph (A), the term ‘locally or re-  
16 gionally produced agricultural product’ means an agricul-  
17 tural product—

1           “(I) which is produced and distributed in the  
2           locality or region where the finished product is mar-  
3           keted;

4           “(ii) which has been shipped a total distance of  
5           400 or less miles, as determined by the Secretary;  
6           and

7           “(iii) about which the distributor has conveyed  
8           to the end-use consumers information regarding the  
9           origin of the product or production practices, or  
10          other valuable information.”.