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118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. TOKUDA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Eliminating Access  
5 Barriers to Conservation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS.**

2 Section 1240G of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16  
3 U.S.C. 3839aa-7) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “Not including payments made  
5 under” and inserting the following:

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), not in-  
7 cluding payments made under”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(b) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—In the case of a contract  
10 entered into under the program for projects in high-cost  
11 areas, including Alaska, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam,  
12 the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Vir-  
13 gin Islands, the Secretary may waive the payment limita-  
14 tion described in subsection (a).”