

AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____
OFFERED BY MR. BARROW OF GEORGIA

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____.** **APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FOR**
2 **RURAL AREAS.**

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

6 “(i) **APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FOR**
7 **RURAL AREAS PROGRAM.**—

8 “(1) **DEFINITION OF NATIONAL NONPROFIT AG-**
9 **RICULTURAL ASSISTANCE INSTITUTION.**—In this
10 subsection, the term ‘national nonprofit agricultural
11 assistance institution’ means an organization that—

12 “(A) is described in section 501(c)(3) of
13 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt
14 from taxation under 501(a) of that Code;

15 “(B) has staff and offices in multiple re-
16 gions;

17 “(C) operates national sustainable agri-
18 culture technical assistance programs; and

1 “(D) provides the technical assistance
2 through toll-free hotlines, a website, publica-
3 tions, and work shops.

4 “(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-
5 tablish a national appropriate technology transfer
6 for rural areas program to assist agricultural pro-
7 ducers that are seeking information to help the agri-
8 cultural producers—

9 “(A) reduce input costs;

10 “(B) conserve energy resources;

11 “(C) diversify operations through new en-
12 ergy crops and energy generation facilities; and

13 “(D) expand markets for the agricultural
14 commodities produced by the producers through
15 use of sustainable farming practices.

16 “(3) IMPLEMENTATION.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
18 carry out the program under this subsection by
19 making a grant to, or offering to enter into a
20 cooperative agreement with, a national non-
21 profit agricultural assistance organization.

22 “(B) COST SHARE.—A grant made, or co-
23 operative agreement entered into, under sub-
24 paragraph (A) shall provide 100 percent of the

1 cost of providing information pursuant to para-
2 graph (2).

3 “(4) LIMITATIONS ON AUTHORIZATION OF AP-
4 PROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appro-
5 priated to the Secretary to carry out this subsection
6 \$5,000,000 for each fiscal year.”.