

**Amendment to H.R. 2419**  
**Offered by Mr. McCarthy**

This amendment will direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a Fresh Produce Education Initiative, to educate persons involved in the fresh produce industry about proper food safety handling and practices.

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(Page and line numbers refer to the Chairman's mark of the Horticulture and Organic Agriculture title posted on June 5)

At the end of subtitle B, add the following new section:

- 1    **SEC. \_\_\_ 19. FRESH PRODUCE <sup>EDUCATION</sup> INITIATIVE.**  
2       (a) INITIATIVE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of Ag-  
3 riculture may carry out a program to educate persons in-  
4 volved in the fresh produce industry and the public  
5 about—
- 6           (1) scientifically proven practices for reducing  
7           microbiological pathogens on fresh produce; and  
8           (2) methods of reducing the threat of cross-con-  
9           tamination of fresh produce through unsanitary han-  
10          dling practices.
- 11       (b) COOPERATION.—The Secretary may carry out the  
12 program in cooperation with public or private partners.
- 13       (c) FUNDING.—There are authorized to be appro-  
14 priated such sums as are necessary for each of fiscal years  
15 2008 through 2012 to carry out this section.