

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

This amendment would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the National Clean Plant Network which will provide a funding mechanism to distribute healthy plant stock throughout the specialty crops industry.

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At the end of the horticulture and organic agriculture title, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . NATIONAL CLEAN PLANT NETWORK.**

2 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established in the  
3 Department of Agriculture a program to be known as the  
4 “National Clean Plant Network”.

5 (b) **NETWORK.**—The Secretary of Agriculture shall  
6 use the network—

7 (1) to develop a sustainable national funding  
8 source for clean planting stock programs for horti-  
9 cultural crops determined by the Secretary to be of  
10 priority for the United States; and

11 (2) to enter into cooperative agreements to enti-  
12 ties that have the expertise, facilities, and climate  
13 necessary to efficiently produce, maintain, and dis-  
14 tribute healthy planting stock for specialty crops.

15 (c) **FUNDING.**—There are authorized to be appro-  
16 priated such sums as are necessary for each of fiscal years  
17 2008 through 2012 to carry out the section.