

1 **TITLE I—COMMITTEE ON AGRI-**
2 **CULTURE, NUTRITION, AND**
3 **FORESTRY**

4 **Subtitle A—General Provisions**

5 **SEC. 10001. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this title:

7 (1) The term “insular area” has the meaning
8 given such term in section 1404 of the National Ag-
9 ricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy
10 Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103).

11 (2) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
12 of Agriculture.

13 **Subtitle B—Forestry**

14 **SEC. 11001. NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM RESTORATION AND**
15 **FUELS REDUCTION PROJECTS.**

16 (a) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts other-
17 wise available, there are appropriated to the Secretary for
18 fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not
19 otherwise appropriated, to remain available until Sep-
20 tember 30, 2031—

21 (1) \$10,000,000,000 for hazardous fuels reduc-
22 tion projects on National Forest System land within
23 the wildland-urban interface;

1 (2) \$4,000,000,000 for, on a determination
2 made solely by the Secretary that hazardous fuels
3 reduction projects within the wildland-urban inter-
4 face described in paragraph (1) have been planned
5 to protect, to the extent practicable, at-risk commu-
6 nities, hazardous fuels reduction projects on Na-
7 tional Forest System land outside the wildland-
8 urban interface that are—

9 (A) primarily noncommercial in nature,
10 provided that, in accordance with the best avail-
11 able science, the harvest of merchantable mate-
12 rials shall advance restoration and enhance eco-
13 logical integrity, and any sale of merchantable
14 materials under this paragraph shall be limited
15 to small diameter trees or biomass that are a
16 byproduct of hazardous fuel reduction projects;

17 (B) collaboratively developed; and

18 (C) carried out in a manner that enhances
19 the ecological integrity and achieves the restora-
20 tion of a forest ecosystem; maximizes the reten-
21 tion of old-growth and large trees, as appro-
22 priate for the forest type; and prioritizes pre-
23 scribed fire as the primary means to achieve
24 modified wildland fire behavior;

1 (3) \$1,000,000,000 for vegetation management
2 projects carried out solely on National Forest Sys-
3 tem land that the Secretary shall select following the
4 receipt of proposals submitted in accordance with
5 subsections (a), (b), and (c) of section 4003 of the
6 Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (16
7 U.S.C. 7303);

8 (4) \$400,000,000 for vegetation management
9 projects on National Forest System land carried out
10 in accordance with a water source management plan
11 or a watershed protection and restoration action
12 plan;

13 (5) \$400,000,000 for vegetation management
14 projects on National Forest System land that—

15 (A) maintain, or contribute toward the res-
16 toration of, reference old growth characteristics,
17 including structure, composition, function, and
18 connectivity;

19 (B) prioritize small diameter trees and pre-
20 scribed fire to modify fire behavior; and

21 (C) maximize the retention of large trees,
22 as appropriate for the forest type;

23 (6) \$450,000,000 for the Legacy Roads and
24 Trails program of the Forest Service;

1 (7) \$350,000,000 for National Forest System
2 land management planning and monitoring,
3 prioritized on the assessment of watershed, ecologi-
4 cal, and carbon conditions on National Forest Sys-
5 tem land and the revision and amendment of older
6 land management plans that present opportunities
7 to protect, maintain, restore, and monitor ecological
8 integrity, ecological conditions for at-risk species,
9 and carbon storage;

10 (8) \$100,000,000 for maintenance of trails on
11 National Forest System land, with a priority on
12 trails that provide to underserved communities ac-
13 cess to National Forest System land;

14 (9) \$100,000,000 for capital maintenance and
15 improvements on National Forest System land, with
16 a priority on maintenance level 3, 4, and 5 roads
17 and improvements that restore ecological integrity
18 and conditions for at-risk species;

19 (10) \$100,000,000 to provide for more efficient
20 and more effective environmental reviews by the
21 Chief of the Forest Service in satisfying the obliga-
22 tions of the Chief of the Forest Service under the
23 National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42
24 U.S.C. 4321 through 4370m-12);

1 (11) \$50,000,000 to develop and carry out ac-
2 tivities and tactics for the protection of older and
3 mature forests on National Forest System land, in-
4 cluding completing an inventory of older and mature
5 forests within the National Forest System;

6 (12) \$50,000,000 to develop and carry out ac-
7 tivities and tactics for the maintenance and restora-
8 tion of habitat conditions necessary for the protec-
9 tion and recovery of at-risk species on National For-
10 est System land;

11 (13) \$50,000,000 to carry out post-fire recovery
12 plans on National Forest System land that empha-
13 size the use of locally adapted native plant materials
14 to restore the ecological integrity of disturbed areas
15 and do not include salvage logging; and

16 (14) \$50,000,000 to develop and carry out non-
17 lethal activities and tactics to reduce human-wildlife
18 conflicts on National Forest System land.

19 (b) PRIORITY FOR FUNDING.—For projects described
20 in paragraphs (1) through (5) of subsection (a), the Sec-
21 retary shall prioritize for implementation projects—

22 (1) for which an environmental assessment or
23 an environmental impact statement required under
24 the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42

1 U.S.C. 4321 through 4370m–12) has been com-
2 pleted;

3 (2) that are collaboratively developed; or

4 (3) that include opportunities to restore sus-
5 tainable recreation infrastructure or access or ac-
6 complish other recreation outcomes on National For-
7 est System lands, if the opportunities are compatible
8 with the primary restoration purposes of the project.

9 (c) LIMITATIONS.—None of the funds made available
10 by this section may be used for any activity—

11 (1) conducted in a wilderness area or wilderness
12 study area, except trail maintenance;

13 (2) that includes the construction of a perma-
14 nent road or motorized trail;

15 (3) that includes the construction of a tem-
16 porary road, except in the case of a temporary road
17 that is decommissioned by the Secretary not later
18 than 3 years after the earlier of—

19 (A) the date on which the temporary road
20 is no longer needed; and

21 (B) the date on which the project for
22 which the temporary road was constructed is
23 completed;

24 (4) inconsistent with the applicable land man-
25 agement plan;

1 (5) inconsistent with the prohibitions of the rule
2 of the Forest Service entitled “Special Areas;
3 Roadless Area Conservation” (66 Fed. Reg. 3244
4 (January 12, 2001)), as modified by subparts C and
5 D of part 294 of title 36, Code of Federal Regula-
6 tions; or

7 (6) carried out on any land that is not National
8 Forest System land, including other forested land on
9 Federal, State, Tribal, or private land.

10 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) AT-RISK COMMUNITY.—The term “at-risk
12 community” has the meaning given the term in sec-
13 tion 101 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of
14 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6511).

15 (2) COLLABORATIVELY DEVELOPED.—The term
16 “collaboratively developed” means, with respect to a
17 project located exclusively on National Forest Sys-
18 tem land, that the project is developed and imple-
19 mented through a collaborative process that—

20 (A) includes multiple interested persons
21 representing diverse interests, except such per-
22 sons shall not be employed by the Federal gov-
23 ernment or be representatives of foreign enti-
24 ties; and

25 (B)(i) is transparent and nonexclusive; or

1 (ii) meets the requirements for a resource
2 advisory committee under subsections (e)
3 through (f) of section 205 of the Secure Rural
4 Schools and Community Self-Determination Act
5 of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7125).

6 (3) DECOMMISSION.—The term “decommis-
7 sion” means, with respect to a road—

8 (A) reestablishing native vegetation on the
9 road;

10 (B) restoring any natural drainage, water-
11 shed function, or other ecological processes that
12 were disrupted or adversely impacted by the
13 road by removing or hydrologically dis-
14 connecting the road prism and reestablishing
15 stable slope contours; and

16 (C) effectively blocking the road to vehic-
17 ular traffic, where feasible.

18 (4) ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY.—The term “eco-
19 logical integrity” has the meaning given the term in
20 section 219.19 of title 36, Code of Federal Regula-
21 tions (as in effect on the date of enactment of this
22 Act).

23 (5) HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION
24 PROJECT.—The term “hazardous fuels reduction
25 project” means an activity, including the use of pre-

1 scribed fire, to protect structures and communities
2 from wildfire that is carried out on National Forest
3 System land.

4 (6) RESTORATION.—The term “restoration”
5 has the meaning given the term in section 219.19 of
6 title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on
7 the date of enactment of this Act).

8 (7) VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROJECT.—The
9 term “vegetation management project” means an ac-
10 tivity carried out on National Forest System land to
11 enhance the ecological integrity and achieve the res-
12 toration of a forest ecosystem through the removal
13 of vegetation, the use of prescribed fire, the restora-
14 tion of aquatic habitat, or the decommissioning of an
15 unauthorized, temporary, or system road.

16 (8) WATER SOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The
17 term “water source management plan” means a plan
18 developed under section 303(d)(1) of the Healthy
19 Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C.
20 6542(d)(1)).

21 (9) WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORA-
22 TION ACTION PLAN.—The term “watershed protec-
23 tion and restoration action plan” means a plan de-
24 veloped under section 304(a)(3) of the Healthy For-

1 ests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C.
2 6543(a)(3)).

3 (10) WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE.—The term
4 “wildland-urban interface” has the meaning given
5 the term in section 101 of the Healthy Forests Res-
6 toration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6511).

7 (e) LIMITATIONS.—Nothing in this section shall be
8 interpreted to authorize funds of the Commodity Credit
9 Corporation for activities under this section if such funds
10 are not expressly authorized or currently expended for
11 such purposes.

12 (f) COST-SHARING WAIVER.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The non-Federal cost-share
14 requirement of a project described in paragraph (2)
15 may be waived at the discretion of the Secretary.

16 (2) PROJECT DESCRIBED.—A project referred
17 to in paragraph (1) is a project that—

18 (A) is carried out using funds made avail-
19 able under this section;

20 (B) requires a partnership agreement, in-
21 cluding a cooperative agreement or mutual in-
22 terest agreement; and

23 (C) is subject to a non-Federal cost-share
24 requirement.

1 **SEC. 11002. NON-FEDERAL LAND FOREST RESTORATION**
2 **AND FUELS REDUCTION PROJECTS AND RE-**
3 **SEARCH.**

4 (a) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts other-
5 wise available, there are appropriated to the Secretary for
6 fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not
7 otherwise appropriated, to remain available until Sep-
8 tember 30, 2031—

9 (1) \$2,000,000,000 to award grants to Tribal,
10 State, or local governments or the government of the
11 District of Columbia, regional organizations, special
12 districts, or nonprofit organizations to support, on
13 non-Federal land, forest restoration and resilience
14 projects, including projects to reduce the risk of
15 wildfires and establish defensible space around struc-
16 tures within at-risk communities (as defined in sec-
17 tion 101 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of
18 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6511));

19 (2) \$1,000,000,000 to award grants to Tribal,
20 State, or local governments or the government of the
21 District of Columbia, regional organizations, special
22 districts, or nonprofit organizations to implement, on
23 non-Federal land, community wildfire protection
24 plans (as defined in section 101 of the Healthy For-
25 ests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6511)) in
26 existence on the date of the enactment of this Act,

1 purchase firefighting equipment, provide firefighter
2 training, and increase the capacity for planning, co-
3 ordinating, and monitoring projects on non-Federal
4 land to protect at-risk communities (as defined in
5 section 101 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act
6 of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6511));

7 (3) \$250,000,000 to award grants to Tribal,
8 State, or local governments or the government of the
9 District of Columbia, regional organizations, special
10 districts, or nonprofit organizations for projects on
11 non-Federal land to aid in the recovery and rehabili-
12 tation of burned forested areas, including reforest-
13 ation;

14 (4) \$175,000,000 to award grants to Tribal,
15 State, or local governments or the government of the
16 District of Columbia, regional organizations, special
17 districts, or nonprofit organizations for projects on
18 non-Federal land to expand equitable outdoor access
19 and promote tourism on non-Federal forested land
20 for members of underserved groups;

21 (5) \$150,000,000 for the State Fire Assistance
22 and Volunteer Fire Assistance programs established
23 pursuant to section 10(b) of the Cooperative For-
24 estry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2106(b)) to
25 be distributed at the discretion of the Secretary;

1 (6) \$150,000,000 for the implementation of
2 State-wide forest resource strategies under section
3 2A of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of
4 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2101a);

5 (7) \$250,000,000 for the competitive grant pro-
6 gram under section 13A of the Cooperative Forestry
7 Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2109a) for pro-
8 viding through that program a cost share to carry
9 out climate mitigation or forest resilience practices
10 in the case of underserved forest landowners, subject
11 to the condition that subsection (h) of that section
12 shall not apply;

13 (8) \$250,000,000 for the competitive grant pro-
14 gram under section 13A of the Cooperative Forestry
15 Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2109a) for pro-
16 viding through that program grants to support the
17 participation of underserved forest landowners in
18 emerging private markets for climate mitigation or
19 forest resilience, subject to the condition that sub-
20 section (h) of that section shall not apply;

21 (9) \$250,000,000 for the competitive grant pro-
22 gram under section 13A of the Cooperative Forestry
23 Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2109a) for pro-
24 viding through that program grants to support the
25 participation of forest landowners who own less than

1 2,500 acres of forest land in emerging private mar-
2 kets for climate mitigation or forest resilience, sub-
3 ject to the condition that subsection (h) of that sec-
4 tion shall not apply;

5 (10) \$500,000,000 for the competitive grant
6 program under section 13A of the Cooperative For-
7 estry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2109a) to
8 provide grants to states and other eligible entities to
9 provide payments to owners of private forest land
10 for implementation of forestry practices on private
11 forest land, that are determined by the Secretary,
12 based on the best available science, to provide meas-
13 urable increases in carbon sequestration and storage
14 beyond customary practices on comparable land,
15 subject to the conditions that—

16 (A) those payments shall not preclude
17 landowners from participation in other public
18 and private sector financial incentive programs;
19 and

20 (B) subsection (h) of that section shall not
21 apply;

22 (11) \$50,000,000 for the forest inventory and
23 analysis program established under section 3(e) of
24 the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Re-
25 search Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1642(e)) for activi-

1 ties and tactics to accelerate and expand existing re-
2 search efforts to improve forest carbon monitoring
3 technologies to better predict changes in forest car-
4 bon due to climate change;

5 (12) \$100,000,000 for the forest inventory and
6 analysis program established under section 3(e) of
7 the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Re-
8 search Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1642(e)) to carry out
9 recommendations from a panel of relevant experts
10 convened by the Secretary that has reviewed and,
11 based on the review, issued recommendations regard-
12 ing the current priorities and future needs of the
13 forest inventory and analysis program with respect
14 to climate change, forest health, sustainable wood
15 products, and increasing carbon storage in forests;

16 (13) \$50,000,000 for the forest inventory and
17 analysis program established under section 3(e) of
18 the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Re-
19 search Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1642(e)) to provide
20 enhancements to the technology managed and used
21 by the forest inventory and analysis program, includ-
22 ing cloud computing and remote sensing for pur-
23 poses such as small area estimation;

24 (14) \$775,000,000 to provide grants under the
25 wood innovation grant program under section 8643

1 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (7
2 U.S.C. 7655d), including for the construction of new
3 facilities that advance the purposes of the program
4 and for the hauling of material removed to reduce
5 hazardous fuels to locations where that material can
6 be utilized, subject to the conditions that the amount
7 of such a grant shall be not more than \$5,000,000;
8 notwithstanding subsection (d) of that section, a re-
9 cipient of such a grant shall provide funds equal to
10 not less than 50 percent of the amount received
11 under the grant, to be derived from non-Federal
12 sources; and a priority shall be placed on projects
13 that create a financial model for addressing forest
14 restoration needs on public or private forest land;
15 and

16 (15) \$50,000,000 for the research mission area
17 of the Forest Service to carry out greenhouse gas
18 life cycle analyses of domestic wood products.

19 (b) FUNDING FOR RESTORATION ON NON-FEDERAL
20 AREAS BY STATES.—The Secretary may use amounts
21 made available by this section to carry out eligible projects
22 as determined by the Secretary, authorized in subsection
23 (a) on non-Federal land upon the request of the Governor
24 of that State, or, in the case of the District of Columbia,
25 the Mayor.

1 (c) COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT.—Any partnership
2 agreements, including cooperative agreements and mutual
3 interest agreements, using funds made available under
4 this section shall be subject to a non-Federal cost-share
5 requirement of not less than 20 percent of the project cost,
6 which may be waived at the discretion of the Secretary.

7 (d) LIMITATIONS.—Nothing in this section shall be
8 interpreted to authorize funds of the Commodity Credit
9 Corporation for activities under this section if such funds
10 are not expressly authorized or currently expended for
11 such purposes.

12 **SEC. 11003. STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY CONSERVA-**
13 **TION PROGRAMS.**

14 (a) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts other-
15 wise available, there are appropriated to the Secretary for
16 fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not
17 otherwise appropriated, to remain available until Sep-
18 tember 30, 2031—

19 (1) \$1,450,000,000 to provide competitive
20 grants to States through the Forest Legacy Pro-
21 gram established under section 7 of the Cooperative
22 Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2103c)
23 to acquire land and interests in land, with priority
24 given to grant applications that offer significant nat-

1 ural carbon sequestration benefits or provide bene-
2 fits to underserved populations;

3 (2) \$2,500,000,000 to provide multi-year, pro-
4 grammatic, competitive grants to a State agency, a
5 local governmental entity, and agency or govern-
6 mental entity of the District of Columbia, an Indian
7 Tribe, or a nonprofit organization through the
8 Urban and Community Forestry Assistance program
9 established under section 9(c) of the Cooperative
10 Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C.
11 2105(e)) for tree planting and related activities, with
12 a priority for projects that benefit underserved popu-
13 lations and areas; and

14 (3) \$200,000,000 for the acquisition of urban
15 and community forests through the Community For-
16 est and Open Space Program of the Forest Service.

17 (b) WAIVER.—Any non-Federal cost-share require-
18 ment otherwise applicable to projects carried out under
19 this section may be waived at the discretion of the Sec-
20 retary.

21 **SEC. 11004. LIMITATION.**

22 The funds made available under this subtitle are sub-
23 ject to the condition that the Secretary shall not—

24 (1) enter into any agreement—

1 (A) that is for a term extending beyond
2 September 30, 2031; or

3 (B) under which any payment could be
4 outlaid or funds disbursed after September 30,
5 2031; or

6 (2) use any other funds available to the Sec-
7 retary to satisfy obligations initially made under this
8 subtitle.

9 **SEC. 11005. APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is
11 appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of
12 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
13 \$200,000,000 to remain available until September 30,
14 2031, for administrative costs of the agencies and offices
15 of the Department of Agriculture for costs related to im-
16 plementing this subtitle.

17 **Subtitle C—Rural Development**
18 **and Agricultural Credit and**
19 **Outreach**

20 **PART 1—RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

21 **SEC. 12001. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR USDA RURAL**
22 **WATER PROGRAMS.**

23 Section 9003 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
24 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8103) is amended by adding
25 at the end the following:

1 “(h) ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR USDA RURAL
2 WATER PROGRAMS.—Notwithstanding subsections (a)
3 through (e) and (g), in addition to amounts otherwise
4 available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal
5 year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise
6 appropriated, and notwithstanding sections 381E through
7 381H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-
8 velopment Act (7 U.S.C. 2009d through 2009g and
9 2009m), \$97,000,000, to remain available until Sep-
10 tember 30, 2031, for the cost of grants for rural water
11 and waste water programs authorized by sections 306,
12 306C, and 306D and described in sections 306C(a)(2) and
13 306D of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development
14 Act in persistent poverty counties (or, notwithstanding
15 any population limits specified in section 343 of the Con-
16 solidated Farm and Rural Development Act, a county seat
17 of a persistent poverty county with a population that does
18 not exceed the authorized population limit by more than
19 10 percent), Tribal lands, colonias, and insular areas (as
20 defined in section 1404 of the National Agricultural Re-
21 search, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7
22 U.S.C. 3103)).”.

1 **SEC. 12002. USDA RURAL WATER GRANTS FOR LEAD REME-**
2 **DIATION.**

3 Section 9003 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
4 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8103) (as amended by section
5 12001) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(i) USDA RURAL WATER GRANTS FOR LEAD RE-
7 MEDIATION.—Notwithstanding subsections (a) through
8 (e) and (g), in addition to amounts otherwise made avail-
9 able, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year
10 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise ap-
11 propriated and notwithstanding sections 381E through
12 381H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-
13 velopment Act (7 U.S.C. 2009d through 2009g and
14 2009m), \$970,000,000, to remain available until Sep-
15 tember 30, 2031, notwithstanding section 306C(a)(2)(A)
16 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7
17 U.S.C. 1926c(a)(2)(A)), for grants under sections
18 306C(a)(1)(A) and 306(a)(2) of the Consolidated Farm
19 and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926c(a)(1)(A) and
20 1926(a)(2)) for the purpose of replacement of service lines
21 that contain lead.”.

22 **SEC. 12003. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR ELECTRIC LOANS**
23 **FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY.**

24 Section 9003 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
25 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8103) (as amended by section
26 12002) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(j) ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR ELECTRIC LOANS
2 FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY.—

3 “(1) APPROPRIATIONS.—Notwithstanding sub-
4 sections (a) through (e), and (g), in addition to
5 amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to
6 the Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of any money
7 in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
8 \$2,880,000,000, to remain available until September
9 30, 2031, for the cost of loans under section 317 of
10 the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C.
11 940g), including for projects that store electricity
12 that supports the types of eligible projects under
13 such section, which shall be forgiven in whole or in
14 part based on how the borrower and the project
15 meets the terms and conditions for loan forgiveness
16 consistent with the purposes of such section estab-
17 lished by the Secretary.

18 “(2) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not
19 enter into any loan agreement pursuant this sub-
20 section that could result in disbursements after Sep-
21 tember 30, 2031.”.

22 **SEC. 12004. RURAL ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM.**

23 (a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts other-
24 wise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for
25 fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not

1 otherwise appropriated, \$200,000,000, to remain available
2 until September 30, 2031, to carry out section 6407 of
3 the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7
4 U.S.C. 8107a) and this section.

5 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
7 graph (2) of this subsection, at the election of an eli-
8 gible entity (as defined in section 6407(b) of the
9 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7
10 U.S.C. 8107a(b))) to which a loan is made under
11 section 6407(c) of the Farm Security and Rural In-
12 vestment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107a(c)), the Sec-
13 retary shall make a grant to the eligible entity in an
14 amount equal to not more than 5 percent of the loan
15 amount for the purposes of costs incurred in—

16 (A) applying for a loan received under sec-
17 tion 6407(c) of such Act;

18 (B) making a loan under section 6407(d)
19 of such Act;

20 (C) making repairs to the property of a
21 qualified consumer that facilitate the energy ef-
22 ficiency measures for the property financed
23 through a loan under section 6407(d) of such
24 Act;

1 (D) entering into a contract under section
2 6407(e) of such Act; or

3 (E) carrying out the duties of an eligible
4 entity under section 6407 of such Act.

5 (2) PERSISTENT POVERTY COUNTIES.—In the
6 case that the grant is for the purpose of making a
7 loan under section 6407(d) of the Farm Security
8 and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C.
9 8107a(d)) to a qualified consumer (as defined in sec-
10 tion 6407(b) of such Act) in a persistent poverty
11 county (as determined by the Secretary), the per-
12 centage limitation in paragraph (1) of this sub-
13 section shall be 10 percent.

14 (c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not enter into
15 any loan agreement pursuant to this section that could
16 result in disbursements after September 30, 2031, or any
17 grant agreement pursuant to this section that could result
18 in any outlays after September 30, 2031.

19 **SEC. 12005. RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM.**

20 (a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts other-
21 wise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary, out
22 of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
23 for eligible projects under section 9007 of the Farm Secu-
24 rity and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107),
25 and notwithstanding section 9007(c)(3)(A) of such Act,

1 the amount of a grant shall not exceed 50 percent of the
2 cost of the activity carried out using the grant funds—

3 (1) \$820,250,000 for fiscal year 2022, to re-
4 main available until September 30, 2031; and

5 (2) \$180,276,500 for each of fiscal years 2023
6 through 2027, to remain available until September
7 30, 2031.

8 (b) UNDERUTILIZED RENEWABLE ENERGY TECH-
9 NOLOGIES.—In addition to amounts otherwise available,
10 there is appropriated to the Secretary, out of any money
11 in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to provide
12 grants and loans guaranteed by the Secretary (including
13 the costs of such loans) under the program described in
14 subsection (a) of this section relating to underutilized re-
15 newable energy technologies, and to provide technical as-
16 sistance for applying to the program described in sub-
17 section (a) of this section, including for underutilized re-
18 newable energy technologies, notwithstanding section
19 9007(c)(3)(A) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment
20 Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107(c)(3)(A)), the amount of a
21 grant shall not exceed 50 percent of the cost of the activity
22 carried out using the grant funds, and to the extent the
23 following amounts remain available at the end of each fis-
24 cal year, the Secretary shall use such amounts in accord-
25 ance with subsection (a) of this section—

1 (1) \$144,750,000 for fiscal year 2022, to re-
2 main available until September 30, 2031; and

3 (2) \$31,813,500 for each of fiscal years 2023
4 through 2027, to remain available until September
5 30, 2031.

6 (c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not enter into
7 any loan agreement pursuant to this section that could
8 result in disbursements after September 30, 2031 or any
9 grant agreement pursuant to this section that could result
10 in any outlays after September 30, 2031.

11 **SEC. 12006. BIOFUEL INFRASTRUCTURE AND AGRI-**
12 **CULTURE PRODUCT MARKET EXPANSION.**

13 Section 9003 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
14 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8103) (as amended by section
15 12003) is amended by adding at the end the following:

16 “(k) BIOFUEL INFRASTRUCTURE AND AGRICULTURE
17 PRODUCT MARKET EXPANSION.—

18 “(1) APPROPRIATION.—Notwithstanding sub-
19 sections (a) through (e) and subsection (g), in addi-
20 tion to amounts otherwise available, there is appro-
21 priated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of
22 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
23 priated, \$960,000,000, to remain available until
24 September 30, 2031, to carry out this subsection.

1 “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary shall use
2 the amounts made available by paragraph (1) to
3 provide grants, for which the Federal share shall be
4 not more than 75 percent of the total cost of car-
5 rying out a project for which the grant is provided,
6 on a competitive basis, to increase the sale and use
7 of agricultural commodity-based fuels through infra-
8 structure improvements for blending, storing, sup-
9 plying, or distributing biofuels, except for transpor-
10 tation infrastructure not on location where such
11 biofuels are blended, stored, supplied, or distrib-
12 uted—

13 “(A) by installing, retrofitting, or other-
14 wise upgrading fuel dispensers or pumps and
15 related equipment, storage tank system compo-
16 nents, and other infrastructure required at a lo-
17 cation related to dispensing certain biofuels
18 blends to ensure the increased sales of fuels
19 with high levels of commodity-based ethanol
20 and biodiesel that are at or greater than the
21 levels required in the Notice of Funding Avail-
22 ability for the Higher Blends Infrastructure In-
23 centive Program for Fiscal Year 2020, pub-
24 lished in volume 85 of the Federal Register (85

1 Fed. Reg. 26656), as determined by the Sec-
2 retary; and

3 “(B) by building and retrofitting home
4 heating oil distribution centers or equivalent en-
5 tities and distribution systems for ethanol and
6 biodiesel blends.

7 “(3) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not
8 limit the amount of funding an eligible entity may
9 receive under this subsection provided that no eligi-
10 ble entity may receive more than 10 percent of the
11 funds appropriated under paragraph (1) unless there
12 are insufficient eligible applicants, as determined by
13 the Secretary, to which to award those funds.”.

14 **SEC. 12007. USDA ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL ELECTRIC CO-**
15 **OPERATIVES.**

16 Section 9003 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
17 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8103) (as amended by section
18 12006) is amended by adding at the end the following:

19 “(1) USDA ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL ELECTRIC CO-
20 OPERATIVES.—

21 “(1) APPROPRIATION.—Notwithstanding sub-
22 sections (a) through (e) and (g), in addition to
23 amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to
24 the Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of any money
25 in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,

1 \$9,700,000,000, to remain available until September
2 30, 2031, for the long-term resiliency, reliability,
3 and affordability of rural electric systems, by pro-
4 viding to an eligible entity (defined as an electric co-
5 operative described in section 501(c)(12) or
6 1381(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
7 and is or has been a Rural Utilities Service electric
8 loan borrower pursuant to the Rural Electrification
9 Act of 1936 or serving a predominantly rural area)
10 assistance under subparagraphs (A) and (B) by
11 awarding such assistance to eligible entities for pur-
12 poses described in section 310B(a)(2)(C) of the Con-
13 solidated Farm and Rural Development Act (pro-
14 vided that the term renewable energy system in that
15 paragraph has the meaning given such term in sec-
16 tion 9001(16)) and for carbon capture and storage
17 systems, that will achieve the greatest reduction in
18 greenhouse gas emissions associated with rural elec-
19 tric systems using such assistance and that will oth-
20 erwise aid disadvantaged rural communities (as de-
21 termined by the Secretary), when—

22 “(A) making grants and loans (including
23 the cost of loans and modifications thereof) to
24 purchase renewable energy, renewable energy
25 systems, and carbon capture and storage sys-

1 tems, deploy such systems, or make energy effi-
2 ciency improvements after the date of enact-
3 ment of this Act; and

4 “(B) making grants for debt relief and
5 other costs associated with terminating, after
6 the date of enactment of this Act or up to one
7 year prior to the date of enactment, the use
8 of—

9 “(i) facilities operating on nonrenew-
10 able energy; and

11 “(ii) related transmission assets.

12 “(2) LIMITATION.—No eligible entity may re-
13 ceive an amount equal to more than 10 percent of
14 the total amount made available by this subsection.

15 “(3) PROHIBITION.—Nothing in this subsection
16 shall be interpreted to authorize funds of the Com-
17 modity Credit Corporation for activities under this
18 subsection if such funds are not expressly authorized
19 or currently expended for such purposes.”.

20 **SEC. 12008. RURAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.**

21 Section 9003 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
22 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8103) (as amended by section
23 12007) is amended by adding at the end the following:

24 “(m) RURAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.—

1 “(1) RURAL PROSPERITY DEVELOPMENT
2 GRANTS.—

3 “(A) APPROPRIATION.—Notwithstanding
4 subsections (a) through (e) and (g), in addition
5 to amounts otherwise available, there is appro-
6 priated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2022,
7 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise
8 appropriated, \$873,000,000, to remain available
9 until September 30, 2031, to provide grants to
10 support rural development under this para-
11 graph, subject to the condition that the recipi-
12 ent of a grant under this paragraph shall con-
13 tribute a non-Federal match of 25 percent of
14 the amount of the grant, which may be satisfied
15 through an in-kind contribution, except that the
16 Secretary may waive such matching require-
17 ment on a finding that the recipient of the ap-
18 plicable grant is economically distressed.

19 “(B) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—

20 “(i) FORMULA.—The Secretary shall
21 establish a formula pursuant to which the
22 Secretary shall allocate, for each State and
23 for Tribal governments, an amount to be
24 provided under this paragraph to eligible
25 applicants described in subparagraph (C).

1 “(ii) REQUIREMENTS.—

2 “(I) FORMULA.—The formula es-
3 tablished under clause (i) shall include
4 a graduated scale for the amount to
5 be allocated under this paragraph for
6 eligible applicants in each State and
7 eligible applicants of Tribal govern-
8 ments, with higher amounts provided
9 based on lower populations and lower
10 income levels, as determined by the
11 Secretary.

12 “(II) AWARD.—In awarding
13 grants under this paragraph to eligi-
14 ble applicants in each State and eligi-
15 ble applicants of Tribal governments,
16 the Secretary shall give priority to eli-
17 gible applicants representing a
18 micropolitan statistical area (as de-
19 fined by the Office of Management
20 and Budget in OMB Bulletin No. 20-
21 01 (effective March 2020) and any
22 subsequent updates) and 1 or more
23 rural areas contiguous to that
24 micropolitan statistical area or eligible
25 applicants representing high poverty

1 areas (as determined by the Sec-
2 retary) provided that the Secretary
3 may award additional grants or fund-
4 ing under this paragraph to imple-
5 ment activities pursuant to a rural de-
6 velopment plan upon the Secretary's
7 approval of the recipient's plan and
8 report on the use of each grant pro-
9 vided to the recipient under this para-
10 graph.

11 “(C) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—The Sec-
12 retary may make a grant under this paragraph
13 to a partnership no member of which has re-
14 ceived a grant under paragraph (2) and that—

15 “(i) is composed of entities rep-
16 resenting a region composed of 1 or more
17 rural areas, including—

18 “(I) except as provided in clause
19 (ii), 1 or more of—

20 “(aa) a unit of local govern-
21 ment;

22 “(bb) a Tribal government;
23 or

24 “(cc) an authority, agency,
25 or instrumentality of an entity

1 described in item (aa) or (bb);

2 and

3 “(II) a qualified nonprofit or for-
4 profit organization, as determined by
5 the Secretary;

6 “(ii) does not include a member de-
7 scribed in clause (i)(I), but demonstrates
8 significant community support sufficient to
9 support a likelihood of success on the pro-
10 posed projects, as determined by the Sec-
11 retary; and

12 “(iii) demonstrates, as determined by
13 the Secretary, cooperation among the
14 members of the partnership necessary to
15 complete comprehensive rural development,
16 through aligning government investment,
17 leveraging nongovernmental resources,
18 building economic resilience, and aiding
19 economic recovery, including in commu-
20 nities impacted by economic transitions
21 and climate change.

22 “(D) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—The use of
23 grant funds provided under this paragraph may
24 be used for the following purposes:

1 “(i) Conducting comprehensive rural
2 development and pre-development activities
3 and planning.

4 “(ii) Supporting organizational oper-
5 ating expenses relating to the rural devel-
6 opment activities for which the grant was
7 provided.

8 “(iii) Implementing planned rural de-
9 velopment activities and projects.

10 “(E) LIMITATION.—Not more than 25 per-
11 cent of amounts received by a recipient of a
12 grant under this paragraph may be used to sat-
13 isfy a Federal matching requirement.

14 “(2) RURAL PROSPERITY INNOVATION
15 GRANTS.—Notwithstanding subsections (a) through
16 (e) and (g), in addition to amounts otherwise avail-
17 able, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal
18 year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not
19 otherwise appropriated, \$97,000,000, to remain
20 available until September 30, 2031, to provide
21 grants to entities that have not received a grant
22 under paragraph (1) and that is a qualified non-
23 profit corporation that serves rural areas (as deter-
24 mined by the Secretary) or an institution of higher
25 education that serves rural areas (as determined by

1 the Secretary), subject to the condition that the re-
2 cipient of such grant shall contribute a non-Federal
3 match of 20 percent of the amount of the grant,
4 which may be used—

5 “(A) to support activities of the recipient
6 relating to—

7 “(i) development and predevelopment
8 planning aspects of rural development; and

9 “(ii) organizational capacity-building
10 necessary to support the rural development
11 activities funded by the grant; and

12 “(B) to support the recipient of a grant
13 under paragraph (1) in carrying out activities
14 for which that grant was provided.

15 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

16 “(A) RURAL AREA.—The term ‘rural area’
17 has the meaning given the term in section
18 343(a)(13)(C) of the Consolidated Farm and
19 Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
20 1991(a)(13)(C)).

21 “(B) STATE.—The term ‘State’ has the
22 meaning given the term in section 1404 of the
23 National Agricultural Research, Extension, and
24 Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103).”.

1 **SEC. 12009. ADDITIONAL USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AD-**
2 **MINISTRATIVE FUNDS.**

3 In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is
4 appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of
5 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
6 \$553,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
7 2031, for administrative costs and salaries and expenses
8 for the Rural Development mission area and expenses of
9 the agencies and offices of the Department for costs re-
10 lated to implementing this part.

11 **PART 2—AGRICULTURAL CREDIT AND**
12 **OUTREACH**

13 **SEC. 12101. ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN FARM LOAN BOR-**
14 **ROWERS.**

15 Section 1005 of the American Rescue Plan Act of
16 2021 (Public Law 117–2) is amended to read as follows:

17 **“SEC. 1005. ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN FARM LOAN BOR-**
18 **ROWERS.**

19 “(a) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts oth-
20 erwise available, there are appropriated to the Secretary
21 for fiscal year 2022, out of amounts in the Treasury not
22 otherwise appropriated, to remain available until Sep-
23 tember 30, 2031—

24 “(1) such sums as may be necessary for the
25 cost of payments under subsection (b); and

1 “(2) \$1,020,000,000 to provide payments or
2 loan modifications or otherwise carry out the au-
3 thorities under section 331(b)(4) of the Consolidated
4 Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
5 1981(b)(4)), using a centralized process adminis-
6 tered from the national office, for Farm Service
7 Agency direct loan and loan guarantee borrowers, fo-
8 cusing on borrowers who are at risk (as determined
9 by the Secretary of Agriculture using factors that
10 may include whether the borrower is a limited re-
11 source farmer or rancher, the amount of payments
12 received by the borrower during calendar years 2020
13 and 2021 under the Coronavirus Food Assistance
14 Program of the Department of Agriculture, and
15 other factors, as determined by the Secretary).

16 “(b) PAYMENTS.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide
18 a payment in an amount up to 100 percent of the
19 outstanding indebtedness of each economically dis-
20 tressed borrower on eligible farm debt.

21 “(2) OTHER PAYMENTS.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For each farmer and
23 rancher with outstanding indebtedness on eligi-
24 ble farm debt that does not qualify for a pay-
25 ment under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall

1 provide a payment that is equal to, subject to
2 subparagraph (B), the lesser of—

3 “(i) the amount of the outstanding in-
4 debtedness of the farmer or rancher on eli-
5 gible farm debt; and

6 “(ii) \$150,000.

7 “(B) REDUCTION.—A payment determined
8 under subparagraph (A) shall be reduced by the
9 amount equal to the sum obtained by adding—

10 “(i) the total of the payments received
11 by the farmer or rancher during calendar
12 year 2020 pursuant to the Coronavirus
13 Food Assistance Program of the Depart-
14 ment of Agriculture; and

15 “(ii) the total of the payments re-
16 ceived by the farmer or rancher during cal-
17 endar years 2018 and 2019 pursuant to
18 the Market Facilitation Program of the
19 Department of Agriculture.

20 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 “(1) ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED BOR-
22 ROWER.—The term ‘economically distressed bor-
23 rower’ means a farmer or rancher that, as deter-
24 mined by the Secretary—

1 “(A) was 90 days or more delinquent with
2 respect to an eligible farm debt as of April 30,
3 2021;

4 “(B) was 90 days or more delinquent with
5 respect to an eligible farm debt as of December
6 31, 2020;

7 “(C) operates a farm or ranch whose head-
8 quarters of operation, as determined by the
9 Secretary, location is—

10 “(i) in a county with a poverty rate of
11 not less than 20 percent, as determined—

12 “(I) in the 1990 or 2000 decen-
13 nial census; or

14 “(II) in the Small Area Income
15 and Poverty Estimates of the Bureau
16 of the Census for the most recent year
17 for which the Estimates are available
18 as of the date of enactment of the Act
19 entitled ‘An Act to provide for rec-
20 onciliation pursuant to title II of S.
21 Con. Res. 14’;

22 “(ii) in a ZIP Code with a poverty
23 rate of not less than 20 percent, as deter-
24 mined by the Secretary; or

1 “(iii) on land held in trust by the
2 United States for the benefit of an Indian
3 Tribe or an individual Indian;

4 “(D) owes more interest than principal
5 with respect to an eligible farm debt as of July
6 31, 2021;

7 “(E) is undergoing bankruptcy or fore-
8 closure or is in other financially distressed cat-
9 egories, as determined by the Secretary, as of
10 July 31, 2021;

11 “(F) received a Department of Agriculture
12 disaster set aside between January 1, 2020 and
13 July 31, 2021;

14 “(G) has restructured an eligible farm debt
15 3 or more times as of July 31, 2021; or

16 “(H) has restructured an eligible farm
17 debt between January 1, 2020, and July 31,
18 2021.

19 “(2) ELIGIBLE FARM DEBT.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘eligible
21 farm debt’ means a debt owed to the United
22 States by a farmer or rancher that was issued
23 as a direct loan administered by the Farm
24 Service Agency under subtitle A, B, or C of the
25 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act

1 (7 U.S.C. 1922 through 1970) and was out-
2 standing or otherwise not paid as of December
3 31, 2020, or July 31, 2021.

4 “(B) AMOUNT.—The amount of eligible
5 farm debt with respect to a borrower shall be
6 equal to the amount of eligible farm debt out-
7 standing as of a date determined by the Sec-
8 retary, but no sooner than the date of enact-
9 ment of the Act entitled ‘An Act to provide for
10 reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con Res.
11 14’, plus the total of all loan payments on eligi-
12 ble farm debt made by the borrower in calendar
13 year 2021.

14 “(3) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means
15 the Secretary of Agriculture.

16 “(d) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not enter
17 into any loan agreement pursuant to this section that
18 could result in disbursements after September 30, 2031
19 or any grant agreement pursuant to this section that could
20 result in any outlays after September 30, 2031.”.

21 **SEC. 12102. USDA ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR UNDER-**
22 **SERVED FARMERS, RANCHERS, AND FOR-**
23 **ESTERS.**

24 Section 1006 of the American Rescue Plan Act of
25 2021 (Public Law 117–2) is amended to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 1006. USDA ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR UNDER-**
2 **SERVED FARMERS, RANCHERS, FORESTERS.**

3 “(a) **TECHNICAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE.**—In addi-
4 tion to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated
5 to the Secretary of Agriculture for fiscal year 2022, to
6 remain available until September 30, 2031, out of any
7 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
8 \$200,000,000 to provide outreach, mediation, financial
9 training, capacity building training, cooperative develop-
10 ment and agricultural credit training and support, and
11 other technical assistance on issues concerning food, agri-
12 culture, agricultural credit, agricultural extension, rural
13 development, or nutrition to underserved farmers, ranch-
14 ers, or forest landowners, including veterans, limited re-
15 source producers, beginning farmers and ranchers, and
16 farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners living in high
17 poverty areas.

18 “(b) **LAND LOSS ASSISTANCE.**—In addition to
19 amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the
20 Secretary of Agriculture for fiscal year 2022, to remain
21 available until September 30, 2031, out of any money in
22 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$200,000,000 to
23 provide grants and loans to eligible entities, as determined
24 by the Secretary, to improve land access (including heirs’
25 property and fractionated land issues) for underserved
26 farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners, including vet-

1 erans, limited resource producers, beginning farmers and
2 ranchers, and farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners
3 living in high poverty areas.

4 “(c) EQUITY COMMISSIONS.—In addition to amounts
5 otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary
6 of Agriculture for fiscal year 2022, to remain available
7 until September 30, 2031, out of any money in the Treas-
8 ury not otherwise appropriated, \$10,000,000 to fund the
9 activities of one or more equity commissions that will ad-
10 dress racial equity issues within the Department of Agri-
11 culture and the programs of the Department of Agri-
12 culture.

13 “(d) RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND EXTENSION.—In
14 addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appro-
15 priated to the Secretary of Agriculture for fiscal year
16 2022, to remain available until September 30, 2031, out
17 of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
18 \$189,000,000 to support and supplement agricultural re-
19 search, education, and extension, as well as scholarships
20 and programs that provide internships and pathways to
21 agricultural sector or Federal employment, for 1890 Insti-
22 tutions (as defined in section 2 of the Agricultural, Re-
23 search, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7
24 U.S.C. 7601)), 1994 Institutions (as defined in section
25 532 of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act

1 of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 301 note; Public Law 103–382)), Alas-
2 ka Native serving institutions and Native Hawaiian serv-
3 ing institutions eligible to receive grants under subsections
4 (a) and (b), respectively, of section 1419B of the National
5 Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy
6 Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3156), Hispanic-serving institu-
7 tions eligible to receive grants under section 1455 of the
8 National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching
9 Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3241), and the insular area
10 institutions of higher education located in the territories
11 of the United States, as referred to in section 1489 of
12 the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and
13 Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3361).

14 “(e) DISCRIMINATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—In
15 addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appro-
16 priated to the Secretary of Agriculture for fiscal year
17 2022, to remain available until September 30, 2031, out
18 of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
19 \$750,000,000 for a program to provide financial assist-
20 ance to farmers, ranchers, or forest landowners deter-
21 mined to have experienced discrimination prior to January
22 1, 2021, in Department of Agriculture farm lending pro-
23 grams, under which the amount of financial assistance
24 provided to a recipient may be not more than \$500,000,
25 as determined to be appropriate based on any con-

1 sequences experienced from the discrimination, which pro-
2 gram shall be administered through 1 or more qualified
3 nongovernmental entities selected by the Secretary subject
4 to standards set and enforced by the Secretary, subject
5 to the condition that any selected entity administering the
6 program shall return the funds to the Secretary on the
7 request of the Secretary if the standards are not ade-
8 quately carried out or the administration of the program
9 is not otherwise sufficient or if any funds provided to the
10 selected entity are not distributed on the date that is 5
11 years after the date of enactment of the Act entitled ‘An
12 Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S.
13 Con. Res. 14’, and any such returned funds shall be avail-
14 able for obligation for any activity authorized under this
15 section, except subsections (c) and (f).

16 “(f) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—In addition to
17 amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the
18 Secretary of Agriculture for fiscal year 2022, to remain
19 available until September 30, 2031, out of any money in
20 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$35,000,000 for
21 administrative costs, including training employees, of the
22 agencies and offices of the Department of Agriculture to
23 carry out this section.

1 “(g) LIMITATION.—The funds made available under
2 subsection (d) are subject to the condition that the Sec-
3 retary shall not—

4 “(1) enter into any agreement—

5 “(A) that is for a term extending beyond
6 September 30, 2031; or

7 “(B) under which any payment could be
8 outlaid or funds disbursed after September 30,
9 2031; or

10 “(2) use any other funds available to the Sec-
11 retary to satisfy obligations initially made under
12 subsection (d).”.

13 **Subtitle D—Research**

14 **SEC. 13001. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RESEARCH** 15 **FUNDING.**

16 (a) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts other-
17 wise available, there are appropriated to the Secretary, out
18 of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
19 to remain available until September 30, 2031—

20 (1) to the National Agricultural Statistics Serv-
21 ice, for measurements, a survey, and data collection
22 to conduct the study required under section 7212(b)
23 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Public
24 Law 115–334; 132 Stat. 4812), which shall be com-

1 pleted not later than December 31, 2022,
2 \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

3 (2) to the National Institute of Food and Agri-
4 culture—

5 (A) to fund agricultural education, exten-
6 sion, and research relating to climate change—

7 (i) through the Agriculture and Food
8 Research Initiative established by sub-
9 section (b) of the Competitive, Special, and
10 Facilities Research Grant Act (7 U.S.C.
11 3157(b)), \$285,000,000 for fiscal year
12 2022;

13 (ii) through the sustainable agri-
14 culture research education program estab-
15 lished under sections 1619, 1621, 1622,
16 1628, and 1629 of the Food, Agriculture,
17 Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7
18 U.S.C. 5801, 5811, 5812, 5831, 5832),
19 \$120,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

20 (iii) through the organic agriculture
21 research and extension initiative estab-
22 lished under section 1672B of the Food,
23 Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act
24 of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925b), \$60,000,000 for
25 fiscal year 2022;

1 (iv) through the urban, indoor, and
2 other emerging agricultural production re-
3 search, education, and extension initiative
4 established under section 1672E of the
5 Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and
6 Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925g),
7 \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

8 (v) through the centers of excellence
9 led by 1890 Institutions established under
10 section 1673(d) of the Food, Agriculture,
11 Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7
12 U.S.C. 5926(d)), \$5,000,000 for fiscal
13 year 2022;

14 (vi) through the specialty crop re-
15 search and extension initiative established
16 by section 412 of the Agricultural Re-
17 search, Extension, and Education Reform
18 Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7632), \$60,000,000
19 for fiscal year 2022;

20 (vii) through the cooperative extension
21 under the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 341
22 through 349) for agricultural extension ac-
23 tivities and research relating to climate
24 change, technical assistance, and tech-

1 nology adoption, \$80,000,000 for fiscal
2 year 2022;

3 (viii) through the cooperative exten-
4 sion at 1994 Institutions in accordance
5 with section 3(b)(3) of the Smith-Lever
6 Act (7 U.S.C. 343(b)(3)), \$35,000,000 for
7 fiscal year 2022; and

8 (ix) through the cooperative extension
9 at 1890 Institutions under section 1444 of
10 the National Agricultural Research, Exten-
11 sion, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7
12 U.S.C. 3221), \$40,000,000 for fiscal year
13 2022;

14 (B) for grants to covered institutions for
15 construction, alteration, acquisition, moderniza-
16 tion, renovation, or remodeling of agricultural
17 research facilities, including related building
18 costs associated with compliance with applicable
19 Federal and State law, under section 4 of the
20 Research Facilities Act (7 U.S.C. 390b),
21 \$1,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2022, subject to
22 the condition that notwithstanding section
23 3(e)(2)(A) of that Act (7 U.S.C.
24 390a(c)(2)(A)), the recipient of a grant pro-
25 vided using those amounts shall not be required

1 to provide any non-Federal share of total fund-
2 ing provided under this subparagraph;

3 (C) for the scholarships for students at
4 1890 Institutions grant program under section
5 1446 of the National Agricultural Research,
6 Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7
7 U.S.C. 3222a), \$100,000,000 for fiscal year
8 2022, to carry out such program in fiscal years
9 2024 through 2031;

10 (D) for grants to land-grant colleges and
11 universities to support Tribal students under
12 section 1450 of that Act (7 U.S.C. 3222e),
13 \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2022, and for pur-
14 poses of this subparagraph, section 1450(b)(4)
15 of such Act shall not apply; and

16 (E) for the Higher Education Multicultural
17 Scholars Program carried out pursuant to sec-
18 tion 1417 of that Act (7 U.S.C. 3152),
19 \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

20 (3) to the Office of the Chief Scientist, to carry
21 out advanced research and development relating to
22 climate through the Agriculture Advanced Research
23 and Development Authority to further the goals
24 under section 1473H(b)(2) of the National Agricul-
25 tural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act

1 of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3319k(b)(2)), \$30,000,000 for
2 fiscal year 2022;

3 (4) to the Foundation for Food and Agriculture
4 Research, to carry out activities relating to climate
5 change in accordance with section 7601 of the Agri-
6 cultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 5939), to be consid-
7 ered as provided pursuant to subsection (g)(1)(A) of
8 such section, \$285,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

9 (5) to the Office of Urban Agriculture and In-
10 novative Production, to carry out activities in ac-
11 cordance with section 222 of the Department of Ag-
12 riculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C.
13 6923), \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2022.

14 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) COVERED INSTITUTION.—The term “cov-
16 ered institution” means—

17 (A) an 1890 Institution (as defined in sec-
18 tion 2 of the Agricultural Research, Extension,
19 and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C.
20 7601));

21 (B) a 1994 Institution (as defined in sec-
22 tion 532 of the Equity in Educational Land-
23 Grant Status Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 301 note;
24 Public Law 103–382));

1 (C) an Alaska Native serving institution or
2 Native Hawaiian serving institution eligible to
3 receive grants under subsections (a) and (b), re-
4 spectively, of section 1419B of the National Ag-
5 ricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching
6 Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3156);

7 (D) Hispanic-serving agricultural colleges
8 and universities and Hispanic-serving institu-
9 tions (as those terms are defined in section
10 1404 of the National Agricultural Research,
11 Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7
12 U.S.C. 3103));

13 (E) an eligible institution (as defined in
14 section 1489 of the National Agricultural Re-
15 search, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of
16 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3361) (relating to institutions
17 of higher education in insular areas)); and

18 (F) the University of the District of Co-
19 lumbia established pursuant to the Act of July
20 2, 1862 (commonly known as the “First Morrill
21 Act”) (7 U.S.C. 301 through 309).

22 (2) STATE.—The term “State” has the mean-
23 ing given the term in section 1404 of the National
24 Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Pol-
25 icy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103).

1 **SEC. 13002. LIMITATION.**

2 The funds made available under this subtitle are sub-
3 ject to the condition that the Secretary shall not—

4 (1) enter into any agreement—

5 (A) that is for a term extending beyond
6 September 30, 2031; or

7 (B) under which any payment could be
8 outlaid or funds disbursed after September 30,
9 2031; or

10 (2) use any other funds available to the Sec-
11 retary to satisfy obligations initially made under this
12 subtitle.

13 **Subtitle E—Miscellaneous**

14 **SEC. 14001. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR USDA OFFICE OF**
15 **THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

16 In addition to amounts otherwise made available,
17 there is appropriated to the Office of the Inspector Gen-
18 eral of the Department of Agriculture for fiscal year 2022,
19 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
20 priated, \$5,000,000 to remain available until September
21 30, 2031, for audits, investigations, and other oversight
22 activities of projects and activities carried out with funds
23 made available to the Department of Agriculture under
24 this title.

1 **SEC. 14002. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR FARMWORKER AND**
2 **FOOD WORKER RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is
4 appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture for fiscal year
5 2022 to remain available until September 30, 2031, out
6 of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
7 \$200,000,000 to provide additional funds to the Secretary
8 for the Farmworker and Food Worker Relief Grant Pro-
9 gram of the Agricultural Marketing Service to provide ad-
10 ditional COVID–19 assistance relief payments for front-
11 line grocery workers.

12 **Subtitle F—Conservation**

13 **SEC. 15001. SOIL CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE.**

14 (a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts other-
15 wise available, there are appropriated to the Secretary of
16 Agriculture (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”)
17 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2028, out of any
18 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such
19 sums as are necessary to carry out this section, to remain
20 available until expended, subject to the conditions that, for
21 purposes of providing payments under subsections (b), (c),
22 and (d), the Secretary shall not—

23 (1) enter into any agreement—

24 (A) that is for a term extending beyond
25 September 30, 2031; or

1 (B) under which any payment could be
2 outlaid or funds disbursed after September 30,
3 2031;

4 (2) use any other funds available to the Sec-
5 retary to satisfy obligations initially made under this
6 section; or

7 (3) interpret this section to authorize funds of
8 the Commodity Credit Corporation for such pay-
9 ments if such funds are not expressly authorized or
10 currently expended for such purposes.

11 (b) AVAILABILITY OF PAYMENTS TO PRODUCERS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds made available
13 under subsection (a), for each of the 2022 through
14 2026 crop years, the Secretary shall make payments
15 to the producers on a farm for which the producer
16 establishes 1 or more cover crop practices with re-
17 spect to the applicable crop year, as determined by
18 the Secretary, in accordance with this subsection,
19 subject to the condition that a producer receiving a
20 payment shall not receive a payment under any
21 other provision of law for the same practices on the
22 same acres.

23 (2) PAYMENT RATE.—The payment rate used
24 to make payments with respect to a producer who
25 establishes 1 or more cover crop practices under

1 paragraph (1) shall be \$25 per acre of cover crop es-
2 tablished.

3 (3) ACRES ESTABLISHED.—The acres for which
4 a producer receives the payment rate under para-
5 graph (2) shall be equal to the total number of acres
6 on which the producer establishes 1 or more cover
7 crop practices, not to exceed 1,000 acres per pro-
8 ducer.

9 (c) AVAILABILITY OF PAYMENTS TO FARM OWN-
10 ERS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds made available
12 under subsection (a), for each of the 2022 through
13 2026 crop years, the Secretary shall make payments
14 to the owners of a farm with respect to which a pro-
15 ducer establishes 1 or more cover crop practices pur-
16 suant to subsection (b), in accordance with this sub-
17 section, subject to the condition that an owner of a
18 farm may not receive a payment under this sub-
19 section and subsection (b) for the same farm or
20 acres, as determined by the Secretary.

21 (2) PAYMENT RATE.—The payment rate used
22 to make payments under paragraph (1) with respect
23 to the owner of a farm shall be \$5 per acre of cover
24 crop established.

1 (3) ACRES ESTABLISHED.—The acres for which
2 the owner of a farm receives the payment rate under
3 paragraph (2) shall be equal to the total number of
4 acres for which the applicable producer establishes 1
5 or more cover crop practices, not to exceed 1,000
6 acres per owner.

7 (d) AVAILABILITY OF PAYMENTS FOR PREVENTED
8 PLANTING.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds made available
10 under subsection (a) and in addition to any other
11 payments or assistance, for the 2022 through 2026
12 crop years, the Secretary shall make payments in ac-
13 cordance with this subsection to producers on farms
14 who establish 1 or more cover crop practices pursu-
15 ant to subsection (b).

16 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—To receive a payment
17 under this subsection, a producer—

18 (A) shall have—

19 (i) purchased a crop insurance policy
20 or plan of insurance under section 508(c)
21 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7
22 U.S.C. 1508(c)) for the applicable crop
23 year following the establishment of the
24 cover crop practice, as determined by the
25 Secretary;

1 (ii) established a cover crop practice
2 pursuant to subsection (b) on the farm for
3 which the insurance described in clause (i)
4 was purchased, as determined by the Sec-
5 retary; and

6 (iii) been unable to plant the crop for
7 which insurance was purchased; and

8 (B) as determined by the Secretary, shall
9 not—

10 (i) harvest the cover crop for market
11 or sale;

12 (ii) harvest the cover crop for seed for
13 purposes of marketing or sale, except that
14 a quantity may be harvested for seed for
15 on-farm usage only; or

16 (iii) otherwise use the acres for which
17 payments are received under this sub-
18 section for any unapproved uses or other
19 uses that seek to defeat or undermine the
20 purposes of this section.

21 (3) PAYMENT AMOUNT.—The Secretary shall
22 make payments to producers under this subsection
23 in an amount equal to the product obtained by mul-
24 tiplying—

1 (A) the total number of acres for which the
2 producer is eligible to receive a payment under
3 this subsection; and

4 (B) the difference between—

5 (i) 100 percent of the prevented plant-
6 ing guarantee, calculated without regard to
7 the establishment of the cover crop prac-
8 tices pursuant to subsection (b), applicable
9 for the insurance policy purchased by the
10 producer under section 508A of the Fed-
11 eral Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508a),
12 as determined by the Secretary; and

13 (ii) the prevented planting indemnity
14 payment received by the producer under
15 that section and the policy purchased by
16 the producer for the applicable crop, as de-
17 termined by the Secretary.

18 **SEC. 15002. ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION**

19 **INVESTMENTS.**

20 (a) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts other-
21 wise available (and subject to subsection (b)), there are
22 appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture (referred to
23 in this section as the “Secretary”), out of any money in
24 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to remain avail-
25 able until September 30, 2031 (subject to the condition

1 that no such funds may be disbursed after September 30,
2 2031)—

3 (1) to carry out, using the facilities and au-
4 thorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the
5 environmental quality incentives program under sub-
6 chapter A of chapter 4 of subtitle D of title XII of
7 the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa
8 through 3839aa-8)—

9 (A)(i) \$300,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

10 (ii) \$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;

11 (iii) \$1,750,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;

12 (iv) \$3,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2025;

13 and

14 (v) \$3,450,000,000 for fiscal year 2026;

15 and

16 (B) subject to the conditions on the use of
17 the funds that—

18 (i) section 1240B(f)(1) of the Food
19 Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa-
20 2(f)(1)) shall not apply;

21 (ii) section 1240H(c)(2) of the Food
22 Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa-
23 8(c)(2)) shall be applied—

1 (I) by substituting
2 “\$50,000,000” for “\$25,000,000”;
3 and

4 (II) with the Secretary
5 prioritizing proposals that utilize diet
6 and feed management to reduce en-
7 teric methane emissions from
8 ruminants;

9 (iii) the funds shall be available for 1
10 or more agricultural conservation practices
11 or enhancements that the Secretary deter-
12 mines directly improve soil carbon or re-
13 duce nitrogen losses or greenhouse gas
14 emissions, or capture or sequester green-
15 house gas emissions, associated with agri-
16 cultural production; and

17 (iv) the Secretary shall prioritize
18 projects and activities that mitigate or ad-
19 dress climate change through the manage-
20 ment of agricultural production, including
21 by reducing or avoiding greenhouse gas
22 emissions;

23 (2) to carry out, using the facilities and au-
24 thorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the
25 conservation stewardship program under subchapter

1 B of that chapter (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–21 through
2 3839aa–25)—

3 (A)(i) \$250,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

4 (ii) \$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;

5 (iii) \$850,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;

6 (iv) \$1,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2025;

7 and

8 (v) \$1,500,000,000 for fiscal year 2026;

9 and

10 (B) subject to the conditions on the use of
11 the funds that—

12 (i) the funds shall only be available
13 for—

14 (I) 1 or more agricultural con-
15 servation practices or enhancements
16 that the Secretary determines directly
17 improve soil carbon or reduce nitrogen
18 losses or greenhouse gas emissions, or
19 capture or sequester greenhouse gas
20 emissions, associated with agricultural
21 production; or

22 (II) State-specific or region-spe-
23 cific groupings or bundles of agricul-
24 tural conservation activities for cli-
25 mate change mitigation appropriate

1 for cropland, pastureland, rangeland,
2 nonindustrial private forest land, and
3 producers transitioning to organic or
4 perennial production systems; and

5 (ii) the Secretary shall prioritize
6 projects and activities that mitigate or ad-
7 dress climate change through the manage-
8 ment of agricultural production, including
9 by reducing or avoiding greenhouse gas
10 emissions;

11 (3) to carry out, using the facilities and au-
12 thorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the
13 agricultural conservation easement program under
14 subtitle H of title XII of that Act (16 U.S.C. 3865
15 through 3865d)—

16 (A)(i) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

17 (ii) \$200,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;

18 (iii) \$300,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;

19 (iv) \$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2025; and

20 (v) \$600,000,000 for fiscal year 2026; and

21 (B) subject to the condition on the use of
22 the funds that the Secretary shall prioritize
23 projects and activities that mitigate or address
24 climate change through the management of ag-

1 ricultural production, including by reducing or
2 avoiding greenhouse gas emissions; and

3 (4) to carry out, using the facilities and au-
4 thorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the
5 regional conservation partnership program under
6 subtitle I of title XII of that Act (16 U.S.C. 3871
7 through 3871f)—

8 (A)(i) \$200,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

9 (ii) \$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;

10 (iii) \$1,500,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;

11 (iv) \$2,250,000,000 for fiscal year 2025;

12 and

13 (v) \$3,050,000,000 for fiscal year 2026;

14 and

15 (B) subject to the conditions on the use of
16 the funds that the Secretary—

17 (i) shall prioritize partnership agree-
18 ments under section 1271C(d) of the Food
19 Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3871c(d))
20 that support the implementation of con-
21 servation projects that assist agricultural
22 producers and nonindustrial private
23 forestland owners in directly improving soil
24 carbon or reducing nitrogen losses or
25 greenhouse gas emissions, or capturing or

1 sequestering greenhouse gas emissions, as-
2 sociated with agricultural production;

3 (ii) shall prioritize projects and activi-
4 ties that mitigate or address climate
5 change through the management of agri-
6 cultural production, including by reducing
7 or avoiding greenhouse gas emissions; and

8 (iii) may prioritize projects that—

9 (I) leverage corporate supply
10 chain sustainability commitments; or

11 (II) utilize models that pay for
12 outcomes from targeting methane and
13 nitrous oxide emissions associated
14 with agricultural production systems.

15 (b) CONDITIONS.—The funds made available under
16 subsection (a) are subject to the conditions that the Sec-
17 retary shall not—

18 (1) enter into any agreement—

19 (A) that is for a term extending beyond
20 September 30, 2031; or

21 (B) under which any payment could be
22 outlaid or funds disbursed after September 30,
23 2031; or

1 (2) use any other funds available to the Sec-
2 retary to satisfy obligations initially made under this
3 section.

4 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

5 (1) Section 1240B of the Food Security Act of
6 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa-2) is amended—

7 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “2023”
8 and inserting “2031”; and

9 (B) in subsection (f)(2)(B)—

10 (i) in the subparagraph heading, by
11 striking “2023” and inserting “2031”; and

12 (ii) by striking “2023” and inserting
13 “2031”.

14 (2) Section 1240H of the Food Security Act of
15 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa-8) is amended by striking
16 “2023” each place it appears and inserting “2031”.

17 (3) Section 1240J(a) of the Food Security Act
18 of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa-22(a)) is amended, in
19 the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking
20 “2023” and inserting “2031”.

21 (4) Section 1240L(h)(2)(A) of the Food Secu-
22 rity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa-24(h)(2)(A)) is
23 amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2031”.

24 (5) Section 1241 of the Food Security Act of
25 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841) is amended—

- 1 (A) in subsection (a)—
- 2 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph
- 3 (1), by striking “2023” and inserting
- 4 “2031”;
- 5 (ii) in paragraph (1), by striking
- 6 “2023” each place it appears and inserting
- 7 “2031”;
- 8 (iii) in paragraph (2)(F), by striking
- 9 “2023” and inserting “2031”; and
- 10 (iv) in paragraph (3), by striking “fis-
- 11 cal year 2023” each place it appears and
- 12 inserting “each of fiscal years 2023
- 13 through 2031”;
- 14 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “2023”
- 15 and inserting “2031”; and
- 16 (C) in subsection (h)—
- 17 (i) in paragraph (1)(B), in the sub-
- 18 paragraph heading, by striking “2023” and
- 19 inserting “2031”; and
- 20 (ii) by striking “2023” each place it
- 21 appears and inserting “2031”.
- 22 (6) Section 1244(n)(3)(A) of the Food Security
- 23 Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3844(n)(3)(A)) is amended
- 24 by striking “2023” and inserting “2031”.

1 (7) Section 1271D(a) of the Food Security Act
2 of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3871d(a)) is amended by strik-
3 ing “2023” and inserting “2031”.

4 **SEC. 15003. CONSERVATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

5 (a) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts other-
6 wise available (and subject to subsection (b)), there are
7 appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture (referred to
8 in this section as the “Secretary”) for fiscal year 2022,
9 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
10 priated, to remain available until September 30, 2031
11 (subject to the condition that no such funds may be dis-
12 bursed after September 30, 2031)—

13 (1) \$2,350,000,000 to provide conservation
14 technical assistance through the Natural Resources
15 Conservation Service;

16 (2) \$100,000,000 to carry out climate change
17 adaptation and mitigation activities through the
18 Natural Resources Conservation Service by working
19 with the Regional Climate Hubs designed to provide
20 information and technical support on climate smart
21 agriculture and forestry to agricultural producers,
22 landowners, and resource managers, as determined
23 by the Secretary; and

24 (3) \$600,000,000 to carry out a carbon seques-
25 tration and greenhouse gas emissions quantification

1 program through which the Natural Resources Con-
2 servation Service, including through technical service
3 providers and other partners, shall collect field-based
4 data to assess the carbon sequestration and green-
5 house gas emissions reduction outcomes associated
6 with activities carried out pursuant to this section
7 and use the data to monitor and track greenhouse
8 gas emissions and carbon sequestration trends
9 through the Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Assess-
10 ment Program of the Department of Agriculture.

11 (b) CONDITIONS.—The funds made available under
12 this section are subject to the conditions that the Sec-
13 retary shall not—

14 (1) enter into any agreement—

15 (A) that is for a term extending beyond
16 September 30, 2031; or

17 (B) under which any payment could be
18 outlaid or funds disbursed after September 30,
19 2031;

20 (2) use any other funds available to the Sec-
21 retary to satisfy obligations initially made under this
22 section; or

23 (3) interpret this section to authorize funds of
24 the Commodity Credit Corporation for activities

1 under this section if such funds are not expressly
2 authorized or currently expended for such purposes.

3 (c) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—In addition to
4 amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the
5 Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the
6 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$100,000,000, to re-
7 main available until September 30, 2028, for administra-
8 tive costs of the agencies and offices of the Department
9 of Agriculture for costs related to implementing this sec-
10 tion.

11 **Subtitle G—Child Nutrition and** 12 **Related Programs**

13 **SEC. 16001. EXPANDING COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY.**

14 (a) MULTIPLIER AND THRESHOLD ADJUSTED.—

15 (1) MULTIPLIER.—Clause (vii) of section
16 11(a)(1)(F) of the Richard B. Russell National
17 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1759a(a)(1)(F)) is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 “(vii) MULTIPLIER.—

20 “(I) IMPLEMENTATION IN 2022–
21 2027.—For each school year beginning
22 on or after July 1, 2022, and ending
23 before July 1, 2027, the Secretary
24 shall use a multiplier of 2.5.

1 “(II) IMPLEMENTATION AFTER
2 2027.—For each school year beginning
3 on or after July 1, 2027, the Sec-
4 retary shall use a multiplier of 1.6.”.

5 (2) THRESHOLD.—Clause (viii) of section
6 11(a)(1)(F) of the Richard B. Russell National
7 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1759a(a)(1)(F)) is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 “(viii) THRESHOLD.—

10 “(I) IMPLEMENTATION IN 2022–
11 2027.—For each school year beginning
12 on or after July 1, 2022, and ending
13 before July 1, 2027, the threshold
14 shall be not more than 25 percent.

15 “(II) IMPLEMENTATION AFTER
16 2027.—For each school year beginning
17 on or after July 1, 2027, the thresh-
18 old shall be not more than 40 per-
19 cent.”.

20 (b) STATEWIDE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY.—Section
21 11(a)(1)(F) of the Richard B. Russell National School
22 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1759a(a)(1)(F)) is amended by
23 adding at the end the following:

24 “(xiv) STATEWIDE COMMUNITY ELIGI-
25 BILITY.—For each school year beginning

1 on or after July 1, 2022, and ending be-
2 fore July 1, 2027, the Secretary shall es-
3 tablish a statewide community eligibility
4 program under which, in the case of a
5 State agency that agrees to provide fund-
6 ing from sources other than Federal funds
7 to ensure that local educational agencies in
8 the State receive the free reimbursement
9 rate for 100 percent of the meals served at
10 applicable schools—

11 “(I) the multiplier described in
12 clause (vii) shall apply;

13 “(II) notwithstanding clause
14 (viii), the threshold shall be zero; and

15 “(III) the percentage of enrolled
16 students who were identified students
17 shall be calculated across all applica-
18 ble schools in the State regardless of
19 local educational agency.”.

20 **SEC. 16002. SUMMER ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER**
21 **FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM.**

22 The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act
23 is amended by inserting after section 13 (42 U.S.C. 1761)
24 the following:

1 **“SEC. 13A. SUMMER ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER**
2 **FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM.**

3 “(a) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Secretary shall
4 establish a program under which States and covered In-
5 dian Tribal organizations participating in such program
6 shall, for summer 2023 and summer 2024 issue to eligible
7 households summer EBT benefits—

8 “(1) in accordance with this section; and

9 “(2) for the purpose of providing nutrition as-
10 sistance through electronic benefits transfer during
11 the summer months for eligible children, to ensure
12 continued access to food when school is not in ses-
13 sion for the summer.

14 “(b) SUMMER EBT BENEFITS REQUIREMENTS.—

15 “(1) PURCHASE OPTIONS.—

16 “(A) BENEFITS ISSUED BY STATES.—

17 “(i) WIC PARTICIPATION STATES.—In
18 the case of a State that participated in a
19 demonstration program under section
20 749(g) of the Agriculture, Rural Develop-
21 ment, Food and Drug Administration, and
22 Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010
23 (Public Law 111–80; 123 Stat. 2132) dur-
24 ing calendar year 2018 using a WIC
25 model, summer EBT benefits issued pur-
26 suant to subsection (a) by such a State

1 may only be used by the eligible household
2 that receives such summer EBT benefits to
3 purchase—

4 “(I) supplemental foods from re-
5 tailers that have been approved for
6 participation in—

7 “(aa) the special supple-
8 mental nutrition program for
9 women, infants, and children
10 under section 17 of the Child
11 Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.
12 1786); or

13 “(bb) the program under
14 this section; or

15 “(II) food (as defined in section
16 3(k) of the Food and Nutrition Act of
17 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(k))) from retail
18 food stores that have been approved
19 for participation in the supplemental
20 nutrition assistance program estab-
21 lished under such Act, in accordance
22 with section 9 of such Act (7 U.S.C.
23 2018).

24 “(ii) OTHER STATES.—Summer EBT
25 benefits issued pursuant to subsection (a)

1 by a State not described in clause (i) may
2 only be used by the eligible household that
3 receives such summer EBT benefits to
4 purchase food (as defined in section 3(k)
5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
6 U.S.C. 2012(k))) from retail food stores
7 that have been approved for participation
8 in the supplemental nutrition assistance
9 program established under such Act, in ac-
10 cordance with section 9(b) of such Act (7
11 U.S.C. 2018) or retail food stores that
12 have been approved for participation in a
13 Department of Agriculture grant funded
14 nutrition assistance program in the Com-
15 monwealth of the Northern Mariana Is-
16 lands, Puerto Rico, or American Samoa.

17 “(B) BENEFITS ISSUED BY COVERED IN-
18 DIAN TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS.—Summer EBT
19 benefits issued pursuant to subsection (a) by a
20 covered Indian Tribal organization may only be
21 used by the eligible household that receives such
22 summer EBT benefits to purchase supple-
23 mental foods from retailers that have been ap-
24 proved for participation in—

1 “(i) the special supplemental nutrition
2 program for women, infants, and children
3 under section 17 of the Child Nutrition
4 Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786); or

5 “(ii) the program under this section.

6 “(2) AMOUNT.—Summer EBT benefits issued
7 pursuant to subsection (a)—

8 “(A) shall be—

9 “(i) for calendar year 2023, in an
10 amount equal to \$65 for each child in the
11 eligible household per month during the
12 summer; and

13 “(ii) for calendar year 2024, in an
14 amount equal to the amount described in
15 clause (i), adjusted to the nearest lower
16 dollar increment to reflect changes to the
17 cost of the thrifty food plan (as defined in
18 section 3(u) of the Food and Nutrition Act
19 of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(u)) for the 12-
20 month period ending on November 30 of
21 the preceding calendar year; and

22 “(B) may be issued—

23 “(i) in the form of an EBT card; or

24 “(ii) through electronic delivery.

25 “(c) ENROLLMENT IN PROGRAM.—

1 “(1) STATE REQUIREMENTS.—States partici-
2 pating in the program under this section shall—

3 “(A) with respect to a summer, automati-
4 cally enroll eligible children in the program
5 under this section without further application;
6 and

7 “(B) require local educational agencies to
8 allow eligible households to opt out of participa-
9 tion in the program under this section and es-
10 tablish procedures for opting out of such par-
11 ticipation.

12 “(2) COVERED INDIAN TRIBAL ORGANIZATION
13 REQUIREMENTS.—Covered Indian Tribal organiza-
14 tions participating in the program under this section
15 shall, to the maximum extent practicable, meet the
16 requirements under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
17 paragraph (1).

18 “(d) IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.—On and after Jan-
19 uary 1, 2022, the Secretary shall carry out a program to
20 make grants to States and covered Indian Tribal organiza-
21 tions to build capacity for implementing the program
22 under this section.

23 “(e) ALTERNATE PLANS IN THE CASE OF CONTIN-
24 UOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR.—The Secretary shall establish
25 an alternative method for determining the schedule and

1 number of days during which summer EBT benefits may
2 be issued pursuant to subsection (a) in the case of children
3 who are under a continuous school calendar.

4 “(f) FUNDING.—

5 “(1) PROGRAM FUNDING.—In addition to
6 amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated
7 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2024, out of
8 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
9 priated, such sums, to remain available for the 2-
10 year period following the date such amounts are
11 made available, as may be necessary to carry out
12 this section, including for administrative expenses
13 incurred by the Secretary, States, covered Indian
14 Tribal organizations, and local educational agencies.

15 “(2) IMPLEMENTATION GRANT FUNDING.—In
16 addition to amounts otherwise available, including
17 under paragraph (1), there is appropriated for fiscal
18 year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not
19 otherwise appropriated, \$50,000,000, to remain
20 available until expended, to carry out subsection (d).

21 “(g) SUNSET.—The authority under this section shall
22 terminate on September 30, 2024.

23 “(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 “(1) COVERED INDIAN TRIBAL ORGANIZA-
25 TION.—The term ‘covered Indian Tribal organiza-

1 tion’ means an Indian Tribal organization that par-
2 ticipates in the special supplemental nutrition pro-
3 gram for women, infants, and children under section
4 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.
5 1786).

6 “(2) ELIGIBLE CHILD.—The term ‘eligible
7 child’ means, with respect to a summer, a child who
8 was, during the school year immediately preceding
9 such summer—

10 “(A) certified to receive free or reduced
11 price lunch under the school lunch program
12 under this Act;

13 “(B) certified to receive free or reduced
14 price breakfast under the school breakfast pro-
15 gram under section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act
16 of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773); or

17 “(C) enrolled in a school described in sub-
18 paragraph (B), (C), (D), (E), or (F) of section
19 11(a)(1).

20 “(3) ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLD.—The term ‘eligi-
21 ble household’ means a household that includes at
22 least 1 eligible child.”.

23 **SEC. 16003. HEALTHY FOOD INCENTIVES DEMONSTRATION.**

24 (a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts other-
25 wise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of

1 Agriculture for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the
2 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$250,000,000, to re-
3 main available until expended, to provide—

4 (1) technical assistance and evaluation with re-
5 spect to the activities described in subparagraphs
6 (A) through (D) of paragraph (2); and

7 (2) grants and monetary incentives to carry out
8 1 or more of the following:

9 (A) Improving the nutritional quality of
10 meals and snacks served under a child nutrition
11 program.

12 (B) Enhancing the nutrition and wellness
13 environment of institutions participating in a
14 child nutrition program, including by reducing
15 the availability of less healthy foods during the
16 school day.

17 (C) Increasing the procurement of fresh,
18 local, regional, and culturally appropriate foods
19 and foods produced by underserved or limited
20 resource farmers, as defined by the Secretary of
21 Agriculture, to be served as part of a child nu-
22 trition program.

23 (D) Funding a statewide nutrition edu-
24 cation coordinator—

1 (i) to support individual school food
2 authority nutrition education efforts; and
3 (ii) to facilitate collaboration with
4 other nutrition education efforts in the
5 State.

6 (b) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term
7 “State” has the meaning given the term in section 12(d)
8 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
9 U.S.C. 1760(d)).

10 **SEC. 16004. SCHOOL KITCHEN EQUIPMENT GRANTS.**

11 In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is
12 appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture for fiscal year
13 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise ap-
14 propriated, \$30,000,000, to remain available until ex-
15 pended through fiscal year 2030, for training and tech-
16 nical assistance to support scratch cooking and to award
17 grants to States (as defined in section 12(d) of the Rich-
18 ard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.
19 1760(d))) to make competitive subgrants to local edu-
20 cational agencies and schools to purchase equipment with
21 a value of greater than \$1,000 that, with respect to the
22 school lunch program established under the Richard B.
23 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751–
24 1769j) and the school breakfast program established
25 under section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42

- 1 U.S.C. 1773), is necessary to serve healthier meals, im-
- 2 prove food safety, and increase scratch cooking.