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To provide for economic assistance to agricultural producers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M__. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Farm and Family Re-
5 lief Act”.

6 SEC. 2. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES.

7 (a) BENEFIT COST-SHIFT DELAY.—Section
8 4(a)(2)(B) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
9 U.S.C. 2013(a)(2)(B)) is amended—

1 (1) in clause (i) by striking “2028” and inserting
2 “2032”; and

3 (2) in clause (ii)—

4 (A) in subclause (I) —

5 (i) by striking “2028” each place it
6 appears and inserting “2032”; and

7 (ii) by striking “2025 or 2026” and
8 inserting “2029 or 2030”; and

9 (B) in subclause (II) by striking “2029”

10 each place it appears and inserting “2033”; and

11 (3) by striking clause (iii).

(b) ADMINISTRATIVE COST-SHIFT DELAY.—Section 16(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025(a)) is amended by striking “through fiscal year 2026, 50 percent, and for fiscal year 2027” and inserting “through fiscal year 2028, 50 percent, and for fiscal year 2029”.

18 SEC. 3. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR PRODUCERS OF ELIGI-
19 BLE COMMODITIES.

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—

21 (1) ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS.—With
22 respect to the 2025 crop year, if the Secretary deter-
23 mines that the expected gross return per acre for an
24 eligible commodity determined under paragraph (2)
25 is less than the expected cost of production per acre

1 for that eligible commodity determined under para-
2 graph (3), the Secretary shall, not later than 90
3 days after the date of enactment of this Act, make
4 a 1-time economic assistance payment to each pro-
5 ducer of that eligible commodity during that crop
6 year.

7 (2) EXPECTED GROSS RETURN PER ACRE.—
8 The expected gross return per acre for an eligible
9 commodity referred to in paragraph (1) shall be
10 equal to—

11 (A) in the case of wheat, corn, grain sor-
12 ghum, barley, oats, cotton, rice, and soybeans,
13 the product obtained by multiplying—

14 (i) the projected average farm price
15 for the applicable eligible commodity for
16 the 2025–2026 marketing year contained
17 in the December 2025 World Agricultural
18 Supply and Demand Estimates published
19 by the World Agricultural Outlook Board
20 on December 9, 2025; and

21 (ii) the national average harvested
22 yield per acre for the applicable eligible
23 commodity for the most recent 10 crop
24 years, as determined by the Secretary; and

9 (A) in the case of wheat, corn, grain sor-
10 ghum, barley, oats, cotton, rice, and soybeans,
11 the total costs listed for the 2025 crop year
12 with respect to the applicable eligible com-
13 modity contained in the data product relating
14 to such commodity and crop year entitled “U.S.
15 Commodity Costs and Returns by Region and
16 by Commodity” published by the Economic Re-
17 search Service; and

18 (4) PAYMENT AMOUNTS.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—The amount of an eco-
20 nomic assistance payment to a producer for an
21 eligible commodity under paragraph (1) shall be
22 equal to the difference between—

23 (i) the amount equal to 65 percent of
24 the product obtained by multiplying—

1 (I) the economic loss for that eligible commodity determined under subparagraph (B); and

2 (II) the eligible acres of that eligible commodity on the farm determined under subparagraph (C); and

3 (ii) the amount of any payment issued by the Secretary to such producer with respect to crop year 2025 for such eligible commodity or such eligible acres on the farm under the Farmer Bridge Assistance Program of the Department of Agriculture as described in the press release of the Department of Agriculture on December 8, 2025 (Release No. 0239.25).

16 (B) ECONOMIC LOSS.—For purposes of
17 subparagraph (A)(i), the economic loss for an
18 eligible commodity shall be equal to the dif-
19 ference between—

20 (i) the expected cost of production per
21 acre for that eligible commodity, as deter-
22 mined under paragraph (3); and

23 (ii) the expected gross return per acre
24 for that eligible commodity, as determined
25 under paragraph (2).

1 (C) ELIGIBLE ACRES.—For purposes of
2 subparagraph (A)(i)(II), the eligible acres of an
3 eligible commodity on a farm shall be equal to
4 the sum obtained by adding—

5 (i) the acreage planted on the farm to
6 that eligible commodity for harvest, graz-
7 ing, haying, silage, or other similar pur-
8 poses for the 2025 crop year; and

9 (ii) an amount equal to 100 percent of
10 the acreage on the farm that was pre-
11 vented from being planted during the 2025
12 crop year to that eligible commodity be-
13 cause of drought, flood, or other natural
14 disaster, or other condition beyond the con-
15 trol of the producers on the farm, as deter-
16 mined by the Secretary.

17 (D) ACREAGE PLANTED.—For purposes of
18 subparagraph (C)(i), the Secretary shall con-
19 sider acreage planted to include any land de-
20 voted to planted acres for accepted skip-row
21 planting patterns, as determined by the Sec-
22 retary.

23 (E) DATA.—If the Secretary determines
24 there is insufficient data to determine the com-
25 parable estimate of gross returns with respect

1 to an eligible commodity under paragraph
2 (2)(B) or a comparable total estimated cost-of-
3 production with respect to an eligible com-
4 modity under paragraph (3)(B), the Secretary
5 shall use data related to a similarly situated
6 commodity for purposes of determining the pay-
7 ment amount under this paragraph.

8 (b) PAYMENT LIMITATIONS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
10 graph (2), sections 1001, 1001A, 1001B, and 1001C
11 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308,
12 1308–1, 1308–2, 1308–3) shall apply with respect
13 to assistance provided under this section.

14 (2) EXCEPTION.—The total amount of pay-
15 ments received, directly or indirectly, by a person or
16 legal entity (except a joint venture or general part-
17 nership) under this section may not exceed—

18 (A) \$125,000, if less than 75 percent of
19 the average gross income of the person or legal
20 entity for the 2021, 2022, and 2023 tax years
21 is derived from farming, ranching, or
22 silviculture activities; and

23 (B) \$250,000, if not less than 75 percent
24 of the average gross income of the person or
25 legal entity for the 2021, 2022, and 2023 tax

1 years is derived from farming, ranching, or
2 silviculture activities.

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The terms “extra-long staple cotton” and
5 “producer” have the meanings given those terms in
6 section 1111 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7
7 U.S.C. 9011).

8 (2) The term “cotton” means extra-long staple
9 cotton and upland cotton.

10 (3)(A) The term “eligible commodity” means a
11 loan commodity (as defined in section 1201(a) of the
12 Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9031(a))).

13 (B) The term “eligible commodity” does not in-
14 clude graded wool, nongraded wool, mohair, or
15 honey.

16 (4) The terms “legal entity” and “person” have
17 the meanings given those terms in section 1001(a)
18 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C.
19 1308(a)).

20 (5) The term “rice” means long grain rice and
21 medium grain rice.

22 (6) The payment limitations under paragraph
23 (2) shall be separate from annual payment limita-
24 tions under any other program.

1 SEC. 4. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR SUGAR BEET PRO-

2 DUCERS.

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—

4 (1) BLOCK GRANTS.—From the amounts appropriated under subsection (c), the Secretary shall make block grants to sugar beet cooperatives to carry out economic assistance payments in accordance with paragraph (2).

9 (2) USE OF FUNDS.—A sugar beet cooperative that receives a block grant under paragraph (1) may only use the grant funds to make payments to members of such cooperative that are sugar beet producers for the economic losses incurred by such producers during the 2025 crop year for sugar beets.

15 (b) PAYMENTS.—In carrying out the block grants under subsection (a)(1), the Secretary shall—

17 (1) establish, in consultation with sugar beet cooperatives, a per-acre payment rate for purposes of determining the amount and allocation of such block grants; and

20 (2) reduce from the amount of a block grant to a sugar beet cooperative, as determined under paragraph (1), the total amount of assistance each member of such cooperative that is a sugar beet producer received for the 2025 crop year under the Farmer Bridge Assistance Program of the Department of Agriculture as described in

1 the press release of the Department of Agriculture on De-
2 cember 8, 2025 (Release No. 0239.25).

3 (c) APPROPRIATION.—There is appropriated to the
4 Secretary to carry out this section \$330,000,000.

5 **SEC. 5. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIALTY CROPS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish and
7 implement a program under which the Secretary will pro-
8 vide a one-time payment to eligible producers to aid such
9 producers in—

10 (1) expanding domestic markets for the covered
11 specialty crops of such producers; or
12 (2) developing new markets for such crops.

13 (b) APPLICATION.—An eligible producer seeking pay-
14 ment under this section shall submit an application to the
15 Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing
16 such information as the Secretary may require.

17 (c) AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as specified in para-
19 graph (2), the Secretary shall calculate the amount
20 of the payment under this section to an eligible pro-
21 ducer based on the producer's sales of covered spe-
22 cialty crops in calendar year 2025.

23 (2) NEW PRODUCERS.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a new
25 producer, the Secretary shall calculate the

1 amount of the payment under this section using
2 the new producer's estimate of their sales of
3 covered specialty crops in calendar year 2026.

4 (B) REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION.—A new
5 producer shall provide to the Secretary as evi-
6 dence to support the estimate referred to in
7 paragraph (1)—

8 (i) a legally binding contract or agree-
9 ment under which the producer has agreed
10 to sell a covered specialty crop during cal-
11 endar year 2026; or

12 (ii) evidence that, at the time of appli-
13 cation, a covered specialty crop has been
14 planted and is expected to be harvested
15 and sold in calendar year 2026.

24 (4) REDUCTION OF TOTAL PAYMENT.—The
25 amount of the payment an eligible producer may re-

1 receive under this section with respect to a covered
2 specialty crop shall be reduced by the amount of any
3 payment issued by the Secretary to such producer
4 for such covered specialty crop (or acres on the farm
5 planted to such crop) under the Farmer Bridge As-
6 sistance Program of the Department of Agriculture
7 (as described in the press release of the Department
8 of Agriculture on December 8, 2025 (Release No.
9 0239.25)).

14 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(F) such other crop as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

(A)(i) is in the business of producing covered specialty crops as of the date on which the producer seeks payment under this section; and

13 (B) is—

14 (i) a citizen of the United States or
15 lawful alien (as defined in section 1400.3
16 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (or
17 successor regulations));

18 (ii) a partnership, corporation, limited
19 liability company, or other organizational
20 structure organized under State law;

21 (iii) an Indian Tribe or Tribal Organi-
22 zation (as those terms are defined in sec-
23 tion 4 of the Indian Self-Determination
24 and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.
25 5304)); or

1 (iv) a foreign person that meets the
2 requirements specified in section 1400.401
3 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (or
4 successor regulations); and

5 (C) has an average adjusted gross income
6 that—

17 (A) began producing specialty crops in ei-
18 ther of the preceding two crop years but did not
19 have sales due to the immaturity of the crop;

20 (B) began producing specialty crops in the
21 preceding crop year but did not have a complete
22 year of sales; or

(C) is beginning to grow specialty crops in the crop year with respect to which the application is submitted.

5 (e) FUNDING.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is appropriated to the
7 Secretary \$5,000,000,000 to carry out this section.

1 Assistance Program of the Department of Agri-
2 culture (as described in the press release of the De-
3 partment of Agriculture on December 8, 2025 (Re-
4 lease No. 0239.25)) for such period.

5 SEC. 6. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR QUALIFIED TIMBER
6 LOSSES.

7 (a) The Secretary shall establish a program under
8 which the Secretary shall provide to an eligible entity that
9 submits an application under subsection (b)—

10 (1) a one-time payment or grant, as determined
11 by the Secretary, for qualified timber losses;

12 (2) a one-time loan or loan guarantee, as deter-
13 mined by the Secretary, for purposes of enabling the
14 eligible entity to—

15 (A) address or offset increases in the tim-
16 ber-related business operating costs of the eligi-
17 ble entity during calendar year 2025 due to
18 market and economic conditions, as determined
19 by the Secretary; or

20 (B) establish, reopen, expand, or improve
21 the timber-related operations of the eligible en-
22 tity; or

23 (3) a payment or grant under paragraph (1)
24 and a loan or loan guarantee under paragraph (2).

1 (b) To be eligible to receive financial assistance under
2 the program under subsection (a) an eligible entity shall
3 submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in
4 such manner, and containing such information as the Sec-
5 retary may require.

6 (c)(1) The amount of a payment or grant the Sec-
7 retary provides to an eligible entity under subsection
8 (a)(1) shall not exceed the amount that is the lesser of
9 the following:

10 (A) The amount equal to \$40,000 re-
11 duced by the amount described in para-
12 graph (3).

13 (B) The amount equal to—

14 (i) the amount equal to 65 per-
15 cent of the qualified timber losses of
16 the eligible entity; reduced by

17 (ii) the amount described in
18 paragraph (3).

1 financial assistance the eligible entity receives with
2 respect to calendar year 2025 under the Farmer
3 Bridge Assistance Program of the Department of
4 Agriculture (as described in the press release of the
5 Department of Agriculture on December 8, 2025
6 (Release No. 0239.25)) for qualified timber losses.

7 (4) An eligible entity may not receive financial
8 assistance under this section and under section 5
9 with respect to the same losses.

10 (d)(1) There is appropriated to the Secretary
11 \$500,000,000 to carry out this section.

12 (2) Of the amount appropriated under para-
13 graph (1)—

14 (A) the Secretary shall use \$250,000,000
15 to provide payments or grants under subsection
16 (a)(1); and

17 (B) the Secretary shall use \$250,000,000
18 to provide loans or loan guarantees under sub-
19 section (a)(2).

20 (3) If the Secretary determines the amount of
21 funds under subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph
22 (2) is insufficient to provide the financial assistance
23 specified in such subparagraphs, the Secretary may
24 ratably reduce such assistance.

25 (e) In this section:

9 (ii) is entitled to an ownership share,
10 and shares in the risk, of timber produc-
11 tion on private forest land in the United
12 States relating to an application under
13 subsection (b); and

14 (B)(i) in the case of an entity that is an
15 individual, is a citizen of the United States or
16 lawful alien (as defined in section 1400.3 of
17 title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (or suc-
18 cessor regulations));

19 (ii) is a partnership, corporation, co-
20 operative, limited liability company, or
21 other organizational structure organized
22 under State law;

23 (iii) is an Indian Tribe or Tribal orga-
24 nization (as those terms are defined in sec-
25 tion 4 of the Indian Self-Determination

1 and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.
2 5304)); or

3 (iv) is a foreign person that meets the
4 requirements specified in section 1400.401
5 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (or
6 successor regulations).

12 SEC. 7. OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.

13 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within
14 the Forest Service an Office of Technology Transfer (re-
15 ferred to this subsection as the “Office”).

16 (b) MISSION.—The mission of the Office shall be—
17 (1) to expand the commercial impact of the re-
18 search investments of the Forest Service; and
19 (2) to provide for the commercialization of tech-
20 nologies that support the mission of the Forest Serv-
21 ice.

22 (c) CHIEF COMMERCIALIZATION OFFICER.—

1 (A) be known as the "Chief Commer-
2 cialization Officer"; and

3 (B) report to the Deputy Chief of the For-
4 est Service for Research and Development.

15 (A) oversee the expenditure of funds allo-
16 cated for technology transfer within the Forest
17 Service;

18 (B) represent the Forest Service on—

19 (i) the Federal Laboratory Consortium
20 for Technology Transfer established
21 by section 11(e) of the Stevenson-Wydler
22 Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15
23 U.S.C. 3710(e)); and

24 (ii) other similar interagency coordi-
25 nating entities;

1 (C) coordinate with—

2 (i) other technology transfer and com-
3 mercialization offices within the Depart-
4 ment of Agriculture; and

5 (ii) other similar Federal entities, as
6 appropriate;

7 (D) oversee efforts to engage with private
8 sector entities, including venture capital compa-
9 nies, on issues relating to technology transfer
10 and commercialization; and

11 (E) coordinate efforts to patent or other-
12 wise protect under title 35, United States Code,
13 any inventions arising from a Forest Service
14 laboratory.

15 (d) TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER WORKING GROUP.—

16 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-
17 tablish within the Forest Service a Technology
18 Transfer Working Group, which shall consist of—

19 (A) the Deputy Chief of the Forest Service
20 for Research and Development;

21 (B) the Chief Commercialization Officer
22 appointed under subsection (c);

23 (C) representatives from each research sta-
24 tion within the Forest Service; and

1 (D) representatives from other Forest
2 Service entities with relevant expertise, as ap-
3 propriate.

6 (A) assist with the coordination of tech-
7 nology transfer and commercialization opportu-
8 nities occurring at Forest Service laboratories;

9 (B) develop and disseminate guidance to
10 researchers at Forest Service laboratories on
11 technology transfer and commercialization re-
12 quirements under the Stevenson-Wydler Tech-
13 nology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3701
14 et seq.) and associated agreements to imple-
15 ment those requirements; and

16 (C) develop and disseminate to the public
17 and prospective technology partners information
18 about opportunities and procedures for tech-
19 nology transfer with the Forest Service.

7 (B) the number of agreements with part-
8 nership intermediaries entered into by the For-
9 est Service under section 23 of the Stevenson-
10 Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15
11 U.S.C. 3715) during the preceding 5 years;

12 (C) the number of licenses and other use
13 authorizations issued by the Forest Service for
14 patents held by the Forest Service during the
15 preceding 5 years; and

16 (D) recommendations for legislative, pro-
17 grammatic, or regulatory changes to support
18 the mission of the Office.

19 (e) FUNDING.—Of the funds of the Commodity Cred-
20 it Corporation, the Secretary shall use to carry out this
21 section \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2026
22 through 2031.

1 SEC. 8. AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FORESTRY**2 COOPERATION ACT OF 1990.**

3 The International Forestry Cooperation Act of 1990

4 (16 U.S.C. 4501 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end

5 the following new section:

6 “SEC. 612. DOMESTIC MARKET ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

7 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish
8 a program under which the Secretary may undertake
9 such activities as the Secretary determines appropriate—

10 “(1) to access, develop, maintain, and expand
11 international markets for United States agricultural
12 timber products, including lumber, pulp, and paper;
13 and

14 “(2) to promote cooperation and the exchange
15 of information between domestic and international
16 agricultural timber product market participants as a
17 means of promoting the export and sale of such
18 United States timber products.

19 “(b) FUNDING.—Out of any funds in the Treasury
20 not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury
21 shall transfer to the Secretary for use carrying out this
22 section \$15,000,000, to remain available until expended.”.

23 SEC. 9. TERMINATION OF CERTAIN EXECUTIVE ORDERS IM-**24 POSING TARIFFS.**

25 Duties imposed by the following Executive orders,
26 and any successor or substantially similar Executive or-

1 ders, shall have no force or effect on and after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act:

3 (1) Executive Order 14257 (90 Fed. Reg.
4 15041).

5 (2) Executive Order 14193 (90 Fed. Reg.
6 9113).

7 (3) Executive Order 14194 (90 Fed. Reg.
8 9117).

9 (4) Executive Order 14195 (90 Fed. Reg.
10 9121).

11 SEC. 10. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

12 (a) DEFINITION OF SECRETARY.—In this Act, the
13 term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

14 (b) EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.—Amounts provided
15 under this Act are designated by the Congress as being
16 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section
17 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
18 Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(A)(i)).