

118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 5637

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

Mr. HARDER of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## 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 “Supporting Farm-  
5 worker Mental Health Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that farmworkers—

3 (1) are vital to the economy and food supply of  
4 the United States; and

5 (2) who are disproportionately affected by  
6 stress and anxiety, often lack access to behavioral  
7 health care services.

8 **SEC. 3. FARM AND RANCH STRESS ASSISTANCE NETWORK.**

9 Section 7522 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy  
10 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 5936) is amended—

11 (1) by inserting “farm work,” after “ranching,”  
12 each place it appears;

13 (2) in subsection (b)—

14 (A) in paragraph (1)(D), by striking “or”  
15 at the end;

16 (B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as  
17 paragraph (3);

18 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the  
19 following:

20 “(2) to initiate, expand, or sustain programs  
21 that deliver peer-to-peer mental health support to in-  
22 dividuals who are engaged in farming, ranching,  
23 farm work, and other occupations relating to agri-  
24 culture; or”; and

25 (D) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated),  
26 by striking “paragraph (1) and subsection (a)”

1           and inserting “paragraphs (1) and (2) and sub-  
2           section (a)”; and  
3           (3) in subsection (d), by striking “2023” and  
4           inserting “2028”.

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