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H. R. 7765

To amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish Supply Chain Regional Resource Centers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SPANBERGER (for herself and Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “American Food Supply
5 Chain Resiliency Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUPPLY CHAIN REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS.**

7 The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C.
8 1621 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

1 **“Subtitle H—Food Supply Chain**
2 **Resiliency**

3 **“SEC. 298. SUPPLY CHAIN REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
5 the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service,
6 shall enter into cooperative agreements with eligible enti-
7 ties to establish not fewer than 6 Supply Chain Regional
8 Resource Centers to support small-sized and medium-sized
9 producers of agricultural products and small-sized and
10 medium-sized agricultural businesses through activities,
11 which may include—

12 “(1) offering coordination, technical assistance,
13 and capacity building support to small-sized and me-
14 dium-sized producers of agricultural products and
15 agricultural businesses;

16 “(2) supporting supply chain and value chain
17 coordination—

18 “(A) in the region in which such producers
19 or businesses are located; and

20 “(B) with the Department of Agriculture,
21 other Federal, State, and Tribal agencies with
22 relevant resources, regional commissions, and
23 other Supply Chain Regional Resource Centers;

24 “(3) providing technical assistance to such pro-
25 ducers and businesses;

1 “(4) providing grants or other financial assist-
2 ance to such producers and businesses looking to ex-
3 pand production or a business or start production or
4 a business in such region; and

5 “(5) carrying out such other activities as may
6 be specified by the Secretary.

7 “(b) FOCUS ON TRIBAL SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES.—At
8 least one Supply Chain Regional Resource Center estab-
9 lished pursuant to subsection (a) shall provide coordina-
10 tion, assistance, and capacity building support to address
11 supply chain issues faced by Indian tribes and Tribal orga-
12 nizations (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-
13 mination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.
14 5304)).

15 “(c) APPLICATION.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity (includ-
17 ing an entity representing a partnership) seeking to
18 enter into a cooperative agreement under this sec-
19 tion shall submit to the Secretary an application, at
20 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
21 formation as the Secretary may require, including
22 how the Supply Chain Regional Resource Centers es-
23 tablished by such entity will address food and agri-
24 cultural supply chain issues faced by underserved
25 communities.

1 “(2) REGIONAL DIVERSITY.—In selecting eligi-
2 ble entities to enter into a cooperative agreement
3 under this section, the Secretary shall ensure the re-
4 gional diversity of such entities.

5 “(d) TERM.—The term of a cooperative agreement
6 entered into under this section shall be not less than 4
7 years.

8 “(e) COORDINATION.—A Supply Chain Regional Re-
9 source Center shall, as a condition on entering into a coop-
10 erative agreement under this section, agree to coordinate
11 with other Supply Chain Regional Resource Centers, when
12 appropriate.

13 “(f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Beginning not later
14 than 2 years after the date of the enactment of the Amer-
15 ican Food Supply Chain Resiliency Act of 2022, and every
16 2 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-
17 mittee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and
18 the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of
19 the Senate a report on—

20 “(1) with respect to the activities carried out by
21 the Secretary under this section—

22 “(A) a description of such activities; and

23 “(B) the impact of such activities on sup-
24 ply chain issues faced by small-sized and me-

1 dium-sized producers of agricultural products;
2 and

3 “(2) with respect to the activities carried out by
4 the Supply Chain Regional Resource Centers under
5 this section—

6 “(A) a description of such activities;

7 “(B) the impact of such activities on sup-
8 ply chain issues faced by small-sized and me-
9 dium-sized producers of agricultural products
10 and agricultural businesses; and

11 “(C) any grants awarded by Supply Chain
12 Regional Resource Centers to such producers
13 and businesses.

14 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
16 tity’ means—

17 “(A) a State government (or a political
18 subdivision thereof), regional authority, or an
19 Indian Tribe or Tribal organization;

20 “(B) a college or university (as defined in
21 section 1404 of the National Agricultural Re-
22 search, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of
23 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103)) (including a land-grant
24 college or university); or

1 “(C) a nonprofit organization, including a
2 producer network or association, a food council,
3 an economic development corporation, or an-
4 other organization.

5 “(2) STATE.—The term ‘State’ has the mean-
6 ing given such term in section 1404 of the National
7 Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Pol-
8 icy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103).

9 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
10 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
11 \$6,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2026.”.

12 **SEC. 3. AGRICULTURE INNOVATION CENTERS PROGRAM.**

13 Section 6402(a) of the Farm Security and Rural In-
14 vestment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1632b(a)) is amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at the
16 end;

17 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at
18 the end and inserting “; and”; and

19 (3) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(4) research, technical assistance, support
21 services, outreach, and other services to strengthen,
22 maintain, and secure supply chains related to agri-
23 cultural inputs and agricultural products produced
24 in the United States.”.

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