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To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to include Indian Tribes in certain provisions relating to priority resource concerns.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 14, 2023

Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. HOEVEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to include Indian Tribes in certain provisions relating to priority resource concerns.

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 “Tribal Conservation
5 Priorities Inclusion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF INDIAN TRIBES IN PROVISIONS RE-**
2 **LATING TO PRIORITY RESOURCE CONCERNS.**

3 (a) ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PRO-
4 GRAM.—Section 1240A(7) of the Food Security Act of
5 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–1(7)) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

7 (A) by inserting “tribal,” before “or local”;

8 and

9 (B) by inserting “or an area on tribal land
10 (as defined in section 2601 of the Energy Pol-
11 icy Act of 1992 (25 U.S.C. 3501))” after “of
12 a State”; and

13 (2) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “or on
14 tribal land (as so defined)” after “State or region”.

15 (b) CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM.—Sec-
16 tion 1240I(5) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C.
17 3839aa–21(5)) is amended—

18 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

19 (A) by inserting “tribal,” before “or local”;

20 and

21 (B) by inserting “or an area on tribal land
22 (as defined in section 2601 of the Energy Pol-
23 icy Act of 1992 (25 U.S.C. 3501))” after “of
24 a State”; and

25 (2) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “or on
26 tribal land (as so defined)” after “State or region”.

1 (c) STEWARDSHIP CONTRACTS.—Section
2 1240K(b)(3) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C.
3 3839aa–23(b)(3)) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “that the Secretary determines
5 are” and inserting “as the Secretary determines to
6 be”; and

7 (2) by inserting “tribal,” before “and local”.

8 (d) CRITICAL CONSERVATION AREAS.—Section
9 1271F(a)(2)(C) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16
10 U.S.C. 3871f(a)(2)(C)) is amended by inserting “tribal,”
11 before “or local”.

12 (e) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Section 1201(a)(14)
13 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801(a)(14))
14 is amended—

15 (1) by striking “section 4(e)” and inserting
16 “section 4”; and

17 (2) by striking “450b(e)” and inserting
18 “5304”.

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