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117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to provide additional payments under the environmental quality incentives program for implementation of a nutrient management practice, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HARDER of California 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. ADDITIONAL NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT ASSIST-**
4 **ANCE.**

5 (a) PAYMENTS.—During the period beginning on the
6 date of enactment of this section and ending on September
7 30, 2023, the Secretary of Agriculture shall provide pay-

1 ments under this section to producers that have entered
2 into contracts with the Secretary under the environmental
3 quality incentives program to implement the nutrient man-
4 agement practice.

5 (b) AMOUNT.—A payment to a producer under this
6 section shall be in an amount that, in combination with
7 the applicable payment under section 1240B(d) of the
8 Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–2(d)), does
9 not exceed 100 percent of the costs of implementing the
10 nutrient management practice.

11 (c) FUNDING.—

12 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
13 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
14 retary to carry out this section \$750,000,000 for the
15 period of fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

16 (2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary
17 may use up to 5 percent of funds made available
18 pursuant to paragraph (1) to provide technical as-
19 sistance under this section.

20 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES
22 PROGRAM.—The term “environmental quality incen-
23 tives program” means the environmental quality in-
24 centives program established under subchapter A of

1 chapter 4 of subtitle D of title XII of the Food Se-
2 curity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa et seq.).

3 (2) NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PRACTICE.—The
4 term “nutrient management practice” means the
5 practice described in the conservation practice stand-
6 ard for nutrient management established by the
7 Natural Resources Conservation Service, code 590,
8 dated May, 2019, or any successor conservation
9 practice standard for nutrient management estab-
10 lished by the Natural Resources Conservation Serv-
11 ice pursuant to title XII of the Food Security Act
12 of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.).