

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**  
**TO H.R. 7675**  
**OFFERED BY MS. CRAIG OF MINNESOTA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SYSTEM SUPPLY**  
2 **CHAIN RESILIENCE AND CRISIS RESPONSE**  
3 **TASK FORCE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of title II of the De-  
5 partment of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7  
6 U.S.C. 6931 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
7 the following:

8 **“SEC. 229. AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SYSTEM SUPPLY**  
9 **CHAIN RESILIENCE AND CRISIS RESPONSE**  
10 **TASK FORCE.**

11 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 60 days after  
12 the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary  
13 shall establish in the Department an Agricultural and  
14 Food System Supply Chain Resilience and Crisis Response  
15 Task Force (in this section referred to as the ‘Task  
16 Force’).

17 “(b) MISSION.—The mission of the Task Force shall  
18 be the following:

1           “(1) Help to promote the leadership of the  
2           United States with respect to the stability of the ag-  
3           riculture and food system supply chain.

4           “(2) Encourage a Government-wide approach  
5           through partnerships and collaboration with the pri-  
6           vate sector, labor organizations, the governments of  
7           countries that are allies or key international part-  
8           ners of the United States, States or political subdivi-  
9           sions thereof, and Tribal governments in order to—

10           “(A) promote the resilience of the agri-  
11           culture and food system supply chain; and

12           “(B) identify, prepare for, and respond to  
13           shocks to the agricultural and food system sup-  
14           ply chain.

15           “(3) Monitor the resilience, diversity, security,  
16           and strength of the agricultural and food system  
17           supply chain.

18           “(4) Support the availability of agricultural and  
19           food system supply chain goods for domestic manu-  
20           facturers, domestic producers, and domestic enter-  
21           prises in the United States and in countries that are  
22           allies or key international partners.

23           “(5) Assist the Federal Government in pre-  
24           paring for and responding to shocks to the agricul-  
25           tural and food system supply chain.

1           “(6) Support the creation of jobs with competi-  
2           tive wages in the United States agricultural and  
3           food system sector.

4           “(7) Coordinate executive branch actions nec-  
5           essary to carry out the functions described in para-  
6           graphs (1) through (6).

7           “(c) SPECIAL ADVISOR ON SUPPLY CHAIN RESIL-  
8           IENCE AND CRISIS RESPONSE.—The head of the Task  
9           Force shall be the Special Advisor on Supply Chain Resil-  
10          ience and Crisis Response (in this section, referred to as  
11          the ‘Special Advisor’) who shall be appointed by the Sec-  
12          retary.

13          “(d) AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEM SUPPLY  
14          CHAIN EVALUATION AND REPORT.—

15                 “(1) EVALUATION.—The Special Advisor, in  
16                 consultation with the Secretary of Commerce and  
17                 the Secretary of Transportation, shall conduct an  
18                 evaluation of the stability and reliability of the agri-  
19                 culture and food system supply chain. The evalua-  
20                 tion shall focus on the items listed in subsection (b).

21                 “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than  
22                 270 days after the date of the enactment of this sec-  
23                 tion, the Special Advisor shall submit to the Com-  
24                 mittee on Agriculture, the Committee on Energy and  
25                 Commerce, and the Committee on Transportation

1 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives  
2 and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and  
3 Forestry and the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
4 and Transportation of the Senate a report on the  
5 evaluation conducted under subsection (a) that in-  
6 cludes the following:

7 “(A) An evaluation of—

8 “(i) the strengths of the agriculture  
9 and food system supply chain;

10 “(ii) the weaknesses of the agriculture  
11 and food system supply chain;

12 “(iii) current and potential future  
13 critical bottlenecks in the agriculture and  
14 food system supply chain, including trans-  
15 portation bottlenecks in the distribution of  
16 agricultural inputs, processed and unproc-  
17 essed food and food input products, and  
18 consumer-ready food products;

19 “(iv) workforce challenges and oppor-  
20 tunities in the agriculture and food system  
21 supply chain; and

22 “(v) the overall stability and reliability  
23 of the agriculture and food system supply  
24 chain.

1                   “(B) An evaluation of Federal, State, and  
2 local laws and regulations that—

3                   “(i) increase the stability and reli-  
4 ability of the agriculture and food system  
5 supply chain; or

6                   “(ii) decrease or otherwise negatively  
7 impact the stability and reliability of the  
8 agriculture and food system supply chain.

9                   “(C) Specific recommendations to improve  
10 the security, safety, and resilience of the agri-  
11 culture and food system supply chain, including  
12 recommendations that address challenges iden-  
13 tified under paragraph (1) and that also ad-  
14 dress—

15                   “(i) long-term strategies;

16                   “(ii) industry best practices;

17                   “(iii) risk-mitigation actions to pre-  
18 vent future bottlenecks and vulnerabilities  
19 at all levels of the agriculture and food sys-  
20 tem supply chain; and

21                   “(iv) legislative and regulatory actions  
22 that would positively impact the security  
23 and resilience of the agriculture and food  
24 system supply chain.

1           “(e) TERMINATION.—The Task Force shall terminate  
2 on the earlier of—

3                   “(1) the date on which the report required by  
4 subsection (d) is submitted; or

5                   “(2) September 30, 2023.”.

6           (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 296(b) of the  
7 Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7  
8 U.S.C. 7014(b)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
9 lowing:

10                   “(11) The authority of the Secretary to estab-  
11 lish in the Department the Agricultural and Food  
12 System Supply Chain Resilience and Crisis Response  
13 Task Force in accordance with section 229.”.

