

**Jackson (TX) Emergency Relief Program 2022 GAO Report Amendment
to H.R. 8467, The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024**

Offered by Representative Ronny Jackson

This amendment would require the Government Accountability Office to study and report on the methodology used to implement the Emergency Relief Program (ERP) 2022 and the effectiveness of that methodology.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8467

OFFERED BY MR. JACKSON OF TEXAS

At the end of subtitle E of title I add the following:

1 **SEC. 1505. REPORT ON THE EMERGENCY RELIEF PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
5 of the United States shall submit to the Committee on
6 Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Com-
7 mittee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Sen-
8 ate a report on the ERP 2022.

9 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The report required under sub-
10 section (a) shall include—

11 (1) a detailed description of how the ERP 2022
12 was implemented and administered by the Secretary
13 and the effectiveness of such implementation and ad-
14 ministration;

15 (2) how the implementation and administration
16 of ERP 2022 compares to the implementation and
17 administration of similar disaster relief programs,
18 including with respect to—

19 (A) the efficiency of staff hours;

1 (B) the period between the authorization
2 of the ERP 2022 and the making of payments
3 under the program; and

4 (C) whether such payments were accurate
5 with respect to the recipients and the losses of
6 such recipients;

7 (3) the authority of the Secretary to reimburse
8 certain producers that completed a CCC-860 form;

9 (4) whether the reimbursements described in
10 paragraph (3) affected the number of producers that
11 obtained Federal crop insurance;

12 (5) an evaluation of the effect of the progressive
13 payment factor on the recovery of producers with
14 large weather-related losses; and

15 (6) whether the implementation and administra-
16 tion of ERP 2022 was in accordance with congres-
17 sional intent.

18 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) ERP 2022.—The term “ERP 2022” means
20 the Emergency Relief Program for 2022 of the De-
21 partment.

22 (2) SIMILAR DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAMS.—
23 The term “similar disaster relief programs” in-
24 cludes—

1 (A) the Emergency Relief Program for
2 2020 of the Department;

3 (B) the Emergency Relief Program for
4 2021 of the Department;

5 (C) the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity
6 Program of the Department; and

7 (D) the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity
8 Program-Plus (WHIP+) of the Department.

