

Amendment offered by Rep. Vindman of Virginia

Amendment description

The amendment authorizes the Researching the Transition to Organic Program.

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OFFERED BY MR. VINDMAN OF VIRGINIA

At the end of subtitle B of title VII, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . RESEARCHING THE TRANSITION TO ORGANIC.**

2 Title XVI of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation,
3 and Trade Act of 1990 is amended by inserting after sec-
4 tion 1673 (7 U.S.C. 5926) the following:

5 **“SEC. 1674. RESEARCHING THE TRANSITION TO ORGANIC.**

6 “(a) **COMPETITIVE SPECIALIZED RESEARCH AND**
7 **EXTENSION GRANTS AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary of
8 Agriculture (referred to in this section as the ‘Secretary’),
9 in consultation with the National Agricultural Research,
10 Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board,
11 may make competitive grants to support research, edu-
12 cation, and extension activities relating to the transition
13 of nonorganic production systems into organic agricultural
14 production systems for the purposes of—

15 “(1) overcoming barriers to transitioning to or-
16 ganic agricultural production;

17 “(2) documenting and understanding the effects
18 of organic practices on ecosystem services, including
19 soil health and fertility, greenhouse gas mitigation

1 and sequestration, water management, biodiversity-
2 related services, and pest management; and

3 “(3) developing improved technologies, methods,
4 models, and metrics to document, describe, and opti-
5 mize ecosystem services of transitioning agricultural
6 production into organic management.

7 “(b) GRANT ADMINISTRATION.—Paragraphs (4), (7),
8 (8), and (11)(B) of subsection (b) of the Competitive, Spe-
9 cial, and Facilities Research Grant Act (7 U.S.C. 3157(b))
10 shall apply with respect to the making of grants under
11 this section.

12 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
13 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
14 \$7,500,000 for fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year there-
15 after.”

