

House Ag Reconciliation Markup
Baird Cybersecurity Amendment Summary
September 10, 2021

This amendment directs \$100M in funds over 5 years to be used for the purpose of enhancing cybersecurity activities and preparedness at the Department in the interest of protecting sensitive data, personal information of Department employees and customers, and secure business information related to our Nation's food supply chain.

AMENDMENT TO THE COMMITTEE PRINT
OFFERED BY MR. BAIRD OF INDIANA

At the end of the committee print, add the following:

1 **SEC. 14002. CYBERSECURITY.**

2 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—In addition to amounts otherwise
3 made available, there is appropriated to the Office of the
4 Chief Information Officer of the Department of Agri-
5 culture for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the
6 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$100,000,000 to re-
7 main available until September 30, 2026, for cybersecurity
8 activities and preparedness carried out with funds made
9 available to the Department of Agriculture under this title.

10 (b) **PRIORITY.**—Improvements and activities funded
11 under this provision shall prioritize:

12 (1) Compliance with relevant Federal informa-
13 tion security and privacy laws.

14 (2) Implementation of recommendations made
15 to the Department of Agriculture under GAO report
16 GAO-19-384.

17 (3) Enhancing the protection, safety, and secu-
18 rity of sensitive information, government data, and
19 the network.

1 (4) Protecting the data, sensitive information,
2 and business information of employees and cus-
3 tomers of the Department of Agriculture.

