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:

SEC. 14002. CYBERSECURITY.

(a) In general.—In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated to the Office of the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Agriculture for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $100,000,000 to remain available until September 30, 2026, for cybersecurity activities and preparedness carried out with funds made available to the Department of Agriculture under this title.

(b) Priority.—Improvements and activities funded under this provision shall prioritize:

(1) Compliance with relevant Federal information security and privacy laws.

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

(3) Enhancing the protection, safety, and security of sensitive information, government data, and the network.
(4) Protecting the data, sensitive information, and business information of employees and customers of the Department of Agriculture.