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117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish Supply Chain Regional Resource Centers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. SPANBERGER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “American Food Supply
5 Chain Resiliency Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUPPLY CHAIN REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS.**

2 The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C.
3 1621 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **“Subtitle H—Food Supply Chain**
6 **Resiliency**

7 **“SEC. 298. SUPPLY CHAIN REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
9 the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service,
10 shall enter into cooperative agreements with eligible enti-
11 ties to establish not fewer than 6 Supply Chain Regional
12 Resource Centers to support small-sized and medium-sized
13 producers of agricultural products and small-sized and
14 medium-sized agricultural businesses through activities,
15 which may include—

16 “(1) offering coordination, technical assistance,
17 and capacity building support to small-sized and me-
18 dium-sized producers of agricultural products and
19 agricultural businesses;

20 “(2) supporting supply chain and value chain
21 coordination—

22 “(A) in the region in which such producers
23 or businesses are located; and

24 “(B) with the Department of Agriculture,
25 other Federal, State, and Tribal agencies with

1 relevant resources, regional commissions, and
2 other Supply Chain Regional Resource Centers;

3 “(3) providing technical assistance to such pro-
4 ducers and businesses;

5 “(4) providing grants or other financial assist-
6 ance to such producers and businesses looking to ex-
7 pand production or a business or start production or
8 a business in such region; and

9 “(5) carrying out such other activities as may
10 be specified by the Secretary.

11 “(b) FOCUS ON TRIBAL SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES.—At
12 least one Supply Chain Regional Resource Center estab-
13 lished pursuant to subsection (a) shall provide coordina-
14 tion, assistance, and capacity building support to address
15 supply chain issues faced by Indian tribes and Tribal orga-
16 nizations (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-
17 mination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.
18 5304)).

19 “(c) APPLICATION.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity (includ-
21 ing an entity representing a partnership) seeking to
22 enter into a cooperative agreement under this sec-
23 tion shall submit to the Secretary an application, at
24 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
25 formation as the Secretary may require, including

1 how the Supply Chain Regional Resource Centers es-
2 tablished by such entity will address food and agri-
3 cultural supply chain issues faced by underserved
4 communities.

5 “(2) REGIONAL DIVERSITY.—In selecting eligi-
6 ble entities to enter into a cooperative agreement
7 under this section, the Secretary shall ensure the re-
8 gional diversity of such entities.

9 “(d) TERM.—The term of a cooperative agreement
10 entered into under this section shall be not less than 4
11 years.

12 “(e) COORDINATION.—A Supply Chain Regional Re-
13 source Center shall, as a condition on entering into a coop-
14 erative agreement under this section, agree to coordinate
15 with other Supply Chain Regional Resource Centers, when
16 appropriate.

17 “(f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Beginning not later
18 than 2 years after the date of the enactment of the Amer-
19 ican Food Supply Chain Resiliency Act of 2022, and every
20 2 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-
21 mittee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and
22 the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of
23 the Senate a report on—

24 “(1) with respect to the activities carried out by
25 the Secretary under this section—

1 “(A) a description of such activities; and

2 “(B) the impact of such activities on sup-
3 ply chain issues faced by small-sized and me-
4 dium-sized producers of agricultural products;

5 “(2) with respect to the activities carried out by
6 the Supply Chain Regional Resource Centers under
7 this section—

8 “(A) a description of such activities;

9 “(B) the impact of such activities on sup-
10 ply chain issues faced by small-sized and me-
11 dium-sized producers of agricultural products
12 and agricultural businesses; and

13 “(C) any grants awarded by Supply Chain
14 Regional Resource Centers to such producers
15 and businesses.

16 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
18 tity’ means—

19 “(A) a State government (or a political
20 subdivision thereof), regional authority, or an
21 Indian Tribe or Tribal organization;

22 “(B) a college or university (as defined in
23 section 1404 of the National Agricultural Re-
24 search, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of

1 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103)) (including a land-grant
2 college or university); or

3 “(C) a nonprofit organization, including a
4 producer network or association, a food council,
5 an economic development corporation, or an-
6 other organization.

7 “(2) STATE.—The term ‘State’ has the mean-
8 ing given such term in section 1404 of the National
9 Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Pol-
10 icy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103)).

11 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
12 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
13 \$6,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2026.”.

14 **SEC. 3. AGRICULTURE INNOVATION CENTERS PROGRAM.**

15 Section 6402(a) of the Farm Security and Rural In-
16 vestment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1632b(a)) is amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at the
18 end;

19 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at
20 the end and inserting “; and”; and

21 (3) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(4) research, technical assistance, support
23 services, outreach, and other services to strengthen,
24 maintain, and secure supply chains related to agri-

- 1 cultural inputs and agricultural products produced
- 2 in the United States.”.