

Amendment offered by Ms. Craig of Minnesota

Amendment description

This amendment provides supports to hungry Americans who could see their SNAP food assistance change due to changes in the law, and provides economic assistance to family farmers struggling with high input costs and market losses.

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Add at the end of title XII the following:

1 **SEC. 124__ . FARM AND FAMILY RELIEF.**

2 (a) **ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES.—**

3 (1) **BENEFIT COST-SHIFT DELAY.—**Section
4 4(a)(2)(B) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
5 (7 U.S.C. 2013(a)(2)(B)) is amended—

6 (A) in clause (i) by striking “2028” and
7 inserting “2032”; and

8 (B) in clause (ii)—

9 (i) in subclause (I) —

10 (I) by striking “2028” each place
11 it appears and inserting “2032”; and

12 (II) by striking “2025 or 2026”
13 and inserting “2029 or 2030”; and

14 (ii) in subclause (II) by striking
15 “2029” each place it appears and inserting
16 “2033”; and

17 (C) by striking clause (iii).

18 (2) **ADMINISTRATIVE COST-SHIFT DELAY.—**Sec-
19 tion 16(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
20 (7 U.S.C. 2025(a)) is amended by striking “through

1 fiscal year 2026, 50 percent, and for fiscal year
2 2027” and inserting “through fiscal year 2028, 50
3 percent, and for fiscal year 2029”.

4 (b) ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR PRODUCERS OF ELI-
5 GIBLE COMMODITIES.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—

7 (A) ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS.—

8 With respect to the 2025 crop year, if the Sec-
9 retary determines that the expected gross re-
10 turn per acre for an eligible commodity deter-
11 mined under subparagraph (B) is less than the
12 expected cost of production per acre for that el-
13 igible commodity determined under subpara-
14 graph (C), the Secretary shall, not later than
15 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
16 make a 1-time economic assistance payment to
17 each producer of that eligible commodity during
18 that crop year.

19 (B) EXPECTED GROSS RETURN PER
20 ACRE.—The expected gross return per acre for
21 an eligible commodity referred to in subpara-
22 graph (A) shall be equal to—

23 (i) in the case of wheat, corn, grain
24 sorghum, barley, oats, cotton, rice, and

1 soybeans, the product obtained by multi-
2 plying—

3 (I) the projected average farm
4 price for the applicable eligible com-
5 modity for the 2025–2026 marketing
6 year contained in the December 2025
7 World Agricultural Supply and De-
8 mand Estimates published by the
9 World Agricultural Outlook Board on
10 December 9, 2025; and

11 (II) the national average har-
12 vested yield per acre for the applicable
13 eligible commodity for the most recent
14 10 crop years, as determined by the
15 Secretary; and

16 (ii) in the case of each eligible com-
17 modity not specified in clause (i), a com-
18 parable estimate of gross returns, as deter-
19 mined by the Secretary.

20 (C) EXPECTED COST OF PRODUCTION.—
21 The expected cost of production per acre for an
22 eligible commodity referred to in subparagraph
23 (A) shall be equal to—

24 (i) in the case of wheat, corn, grain
25 sorghum, barley, oats, cotton, rice, and

1 soybeans, the total costs listed for the
2 2025 crop year with respect to the applica-
3 ble eligible commodity contained in the
4 data product relating to such commodity
5 and crop year entitled “U.S. Commodity
6 Costs and Returns by Region and by Com-
7 modity” published by the Economic Re-
8 search Service; and

9 (ii) in the case of each eligible com-
10 modity not specified in clause (i), a com-
11 parable total estimated cost-of-production,
12 as determined by the Secretary.

13 (D) PAYMENT AMOUNTS.—

14 (i) IN GENERAL.—The amount of an
15 economic assistance payment to a producer
16 for an eligible commodity under subpara-
17 graph (A) shall be equal to the difference
18 between—

19 (I) the amount equal to 65 per-
20 cent of the product obtained by multi-
21 plying—

22 (aa) the economic loss for
23 that eligible commodity deter-
24 mined under clause (ii); and

1 (bb) the eligible acres of
2 that eligible commodity on the
3 farm determined under clause
4 (iii); and

5 (II) the amount of any payment
6 issued by the Secretary to such pro-
7 ducer with respect to crop year 2025
8 for such eligible commodity or such el-
9 igible acres on the farm under the
10 Farmer Bridge Assistance Program of
11 the Department of Agriculture as de-
12 scribed in the press release of the De-
13 partment of Agriculture on December
14 8, 2025 (Release No. 0239.25).

15 (ii) ECONOMIC LOSS.—For purposes
16 of clause (i)(I), the economic loss for an el-
17 igible commodity shall be equal to the dif-
18 ference between—

19 (I) the expected cost of produc-
20 tion per acre for that eligible com-
21 modity, as determined under subpara-
22 graph (C); and

23 (II) the expected gross return per
24 acre for that eligible commodity, as
25 determined under subparagraph (B).

1 (iii) ELIGIBLE ACRES.—For purposes
2 of clause (i)(I)(bb), the eligible acres of an
3 eligible commodity on a farm shall be equal
4 to the sum obtained by adding—

5 (I) the acreage planted on the
6 farm to that eligible commodity for
7 harvest, grazing, haying, silage, or
8 other similar purposes for the 2025
9 crop year; and

10 (II) an amount equal to 100 per-
11 cent of the acreage on the farm that
12 was prevented from being planted
13 during the 2025 crop year to that eli-
14 gible commodity because of drought,
15 flood, or other natural disaster, or
16 other condition beyond the control of
17 the producers on the farm, as deter-
18 mined by the Secretary.

19 (iv) ACREAGE PLANTED.—For pur-
20 poses of clause (iii)(I), the Secretary shall
21 consider acreage planted to include any
22 land devoted to planted acres for accepted
23 skip-row planting patterns, as determined
24 by the Secretary.

1 (v) DATA.—If the Secretary deter-
2 mines there is insufficient data to deter-
3 mine the comparable estimate of gross re-
4 turns with respect to an eligible commodity
5 under subparagraph (B)(ii) or a com-
6 parable total estimated cost-of-production
7 with respect to an eligible commodity
8 under subparagraph (C)(ii), the Secretary
9 shall use data related to a similarly situ-
10 ated commodity for purposes of deter-
11 mining the payment amount under this
12 paragraph.

13 (2) PAYMENT LIMITATIONS.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
15 subparagraph (B), sections 1001, 1001A,
16 1001B, and 1001C of the Food Security Act of
17 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308, 1308–1, 1308–2, 1308–
18 3) shall apply with respect to assistance pro-
19 vided under this subsection.

20 (B) EXCEPTION.—The total amount of
21 payments received, directly or indirectly, by a
22 person or legal entity (except a joint venture or
23 general partnership) under this subsection may
24 not exceed—

1 (i) \$125,000, if less than 75 percent
2 of the average gross income of the person
3 or legal entity for the 2021, 2022, and
4 2023 tax years is derived from farming,
5 ranching, or silviculture activities; and

6 (ii) \$250,000, if not less than 75 per-
7 cent of the average gross income of the
8 person or legal entity for the 2021, 2022,
9 and 2023 tax years is derived from farm-
10 ing, ranching, or silviculture activities.

11 (C) SEPARATE LIMITATION.—The payment
12 limitations under this paragraph shall be sepa-
13 rate from annual payment limitations under
14 any other program.

15 (3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

16 (A) EXTRA-LONG STAPLE COTTON; PRO-
17 DUCER.—The terms “extra-long staple cotton”
18 and “producer” have the meanings given those
19 terms in section 1111 of the Agricultural Act of
20 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9011).

21 (B) COTTON.—The term “cotton” means
22 extra-long staple cotton and upland cotton.

23 (C) ELIGIBLE COMMODITY.—

24 (i) IN GENERAL.—The term “eligible
25 commodity” means a loan commodity (as

1 defined in section 1201(a) of the Agricultural
2 Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9031(a)).

3 (ii) EXCLUSION.—The term “eligible
4 commodity” does not include graded wool,
5 nongraded wool, mohair, or honey.

6 (D) LEGAL ENTITY; PERSON.—The terms
7 “legal entity” and “person” have the meanings
8 given those terms in section 1001(a) of the
9 Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308(a)).

10 (E) RICE.—The term “rice” means long
11 grain rice and medium grain rice.

12 (c) ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR SUGAR BEET PRO-
13 DUCERS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—

15 (A) BLOCK GRANTS.—From the amounts
16 appropriated under paragraph (3), the Sec-
17 retary shall make block grants to sugar beet co-
18 operatives to carry out economic assistance pay-
19 ments in accordance with subparagraph (B).

20 (B) USE OF FUNDS.—A sugar beet cooper-
21 ative that receives a block grant under subpara-
22 graph (A) may only use the grant funds to
23 make payments to members of such cooperative
24 that are sugar beet producers for the economic

1 losses incurred by such producers during the
2 2025 crop year for sugar beets.

3 (2) PAYMENTS.—In carrying out the block
4 grants under paragraph (1)(A), the Secretary
5 shall—

6 (A) establish, in consultation with sugar
7 beet cooperatives, a per-acre payment rate for
8 purposes of determining the amount and alloca-
9 tion of such block grants; and

10 (B) reduce from the amount of a block
11 grant to a sugar beet cooperative, as deter-
12 mined under subparagraph (A), the total
13 amount of assistance each member of such co-
14 operative that is a sugar beet producer received
15 for the 2025 crop year under the Farmer
16 Bridge Assistance Program of the Department
17 of Agriculture as described in the press release
18 of the Department of Agriculture on December
19 8, 2025 (Release No. 0239.25).

20 (3) APPROPRIATION.—There is appropriated to
21 the Secretary to carry out this subsection
22 \$330,000,000.

23 (d) ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIALTY
24 CROPS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish
2 and implement a program under which the Secretary
3 will provide a one-time payment to eligible producers
4 to aid such producers in—

5 (A) expanding domestic markets for the
6 covered specialty crops of such producers; or

7 (B) developing new markets for such
8 crops.

9 (2) APPLICATION.—An eligible producer seek-
10 ing payment under this subsection shall submit an
11 application to the Secretary at such time, in such
12 manner, and containing such information as the Sec-
13 retary may require.

14 (3) AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as specified in
16 subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall calculate
17 the amount of the payment under this sub-
18 section to an eligible producer based on the pro-
19 ducer's sales of covered specialty crops in cal-
20 endar year 2025.

21 (B) NEW PRODUCERS.—

22 (i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a
23 new producer, the Secretary shall calculate
24 the amount of the payment under this sub-
25 section using the new producer's estimate

1 of their sales of covered specialty crops in
2 calendar year 2026.

3 (ii) REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION.—A
4 new producer shall provide to the Sec-
5 retary as evidence to support the estimate
6 referred to in clause (i)—

7 (I) a legally binding contract or
8 agreement under which the producer
9 has agreed to sell a covered specialty
10 crop during calendar year 2026; or

11 (II) evidence that, at the time of
12 application, a covered specialty crop
13 has been planted and is expected to be
14 harvested and sold in calendar year
15 2026.

16 (C) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The maximum
17 amount of the payment an eligible producer
18 may receive under this subsection shall not ex-
19 ceed \$900,000. Such maximum amount may be
20 reduced if the amount of funds made available
21 to carry out this subsection for a fiscal year is
22 insufficient (as determined by the Secretary) to
23 make all payments for which applications are
24 submitted under this subsection.

1 (D) REDUCTION OF TOTAL PAYMENT.—

2 The amount of the payment an eligible pro-
3 ducer may receive under this subsection with
4 respect to a covered specialty crop shall be re-
5 duced by the amount of any payment issued by
6 the Secretary to such producer for such covered
7 specialty crop (or acres on the farm planted to
8 such crop) under the Farmer Bridge Assistance
9 Program of the Department of Agriculture (as
10 described in the press release of the Depart-
11 ment of Agriculture on December 8, 2025 (Re-
12 lease No. 0239.25)).

13 (E) PROHIBITION ON DUPLICATE PAY-
14 MENTS.—An eligible producer may not receive
15 financial assistance under this subsection and
16 under subsection (f) with respect to the same
17 losses.

18 (4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

19 (A) COVERED SPECIALTY CROP.— The
20 term “covered specialty crop” means—

- 21 (i) a specialty crop;
22 (ii) dry edible beans and peas, mush-
23 rooms, and vegetable seed;
24 (iii) Christmas trees;

1 (iv) any culinary and medicinal herb
2 or spice;

3 (v) honey, hops, maple sap, tea, coffee, turfgrass, and grass seed; and

4 (vi) such other crop as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

5 (B) ELIGIBLE PRODUCER.—The term “eligible producer” means a producer of covered specialty crops (including a new producer)
6 that—

7 (i)(I) is in the business of producing covered specialty crops as of the date on
8 which the producer seeks payment under this section; and

9 (II) is entitled to an ownership share and shares in the risk of producing a covered specialty crop that will be sold in the
10 calendar year for which payment is sought;

11 (ii) is—

12 (I) a citizen of the United States or lawful alien (as defined in section
13 1400.3 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations));
14

1 (II) a partnership, corporation,
2 limited liability company, or other or-
3 ganizational structure organized
4 under State law;

5 (III) an Indian Tribe or Tribal
6 Organization (as those terms are de-
7 fined in section 4 of the Indian Self-
8 Determination and Education Assist-
9 ance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)); or

10 (IV) a foreign person that meets
11 the requirements specified in section
12 1400.401 of title 7, Code of Federal
13 Regulations (or successor regulations);
14 and

15 (iii) has an average adjusted gross in-
16 come that—

17 (I) is less than \$900,000 for the
18 preceding three tax years; or

19 (II) equals or exceeds \$900,000
20 if the producers’s average adjusted
21 gross farm income is at least 75 per-
22 cent of the producer’s average ad-
23 justed gross income.

24 (C) NEW PRODUCER.—The term “new
25 producer” means a producer of covered spe-

1 specialty crops who, at the time of application for
2 payment under this subsection—

3 (i) began producing specialty crops in
4 either of the preceding two crop years but
5 did not have sales due to the immaturity of
6 the crop;

7 (ii) began producing specialty crops in
8 the preceding crop year but did not have a
9 complete year of sales; or

10 (iii) is beginning to grow specialty
11 crops in the crop year with respect to
12 which the application is submitted.

13 (D) SPECIALTY CROP.—The term “spe-
14 cialty crop” has the meaning given such term in
15 section 3 of the Specialty Crops Competitive-
16 ness Act of 2004 (7 U.S.C. 1621 note; Public
17 Law 108–465).

18 (5) FUNDING.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—Out of the funds of the
20 Treasury not otherwise appropriated there is
21 appropriated to the Secretary \$5,000,000,000
22 to carry out this subsection.

23 (B) REDUCTION BASED ON OTHER FUND-
24 ING.—In providing payments under this sub-
25 section, the Secretary shall use an amount

1 equal to the amounts appropriated under sub-
2 paragraph (A) reduced by any amount obligated
3 by the Secretary for payments to eligible pro-
4 ducers of specialty crops under the Farmer
5 Bridge Assistance Program of the Department
6 of Agriculture (as described in the press release
7 of the Department of Agriculture on December
8 8, 2025 (Release No. 0239.25)).

9 (C) RESCISSION.—Effective on the date
10 that is the end of the 2-year period beginning
11 on the date of enactment of this Act, there is
12 rescinded from the unobligated balance of the
13 amount appropriated under subparagraph (A)
14 an amount equal to the amount under subpara-
15 graph (A) reduced by the amount obligated by
16 the Secretary for payments to eligible producers
17 of specialty crops under the Farmer Bridge As-
18 sistance Program of the Department of Agri-
19 culture (as described in the press release of the
20 Department of Agriculture on December 8,
21 2025 (Release No. 0239.25)) for such period.

22 (e) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR QUALIFIED TIMBER
23 LOSSES.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish
25 a program under which the Secretary shall provide

1 to an eligible entity that submits an application
2 under paragraph (2)—

3 (A) a one-time payment or grant, as deter-
4 mined by the Secretary, for qualified timber
5 losses;

6 (B) a one-time loan or loan guarantee, as
7 determined by the Secretary, for purposes of
8 enabling the eligible entity to—

9 (i) address or offset increases in the
10 timber-related business operating costs of
11 the eligible entity during calendar year
12 2025 due to market and economic condi-
13 tions, as determined by the Secretary; or

14 (ii) establish, reopen, expand, or im-
15 prove the timber-related operations of the
16 eligible entity; or

17 (C) a payment or grant under subpara-
18 graph (A) and a loan or loan guarantee under
19 subparagraph (B).

20 (2) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive fi-
21 nancial assistance under the program under para-
22 graph (1), an eligible entity shall submit to the Sec-
23 retary an application at such time, in such manner,
24 and containing such information as the Secretary
25 may require.

1 (3) AMOUNTS.—

2 (A) The amount of a payment or grant the
3 Secretary provides to an eligible entity under
4 paragraph (1)(A) shall not exceed the amount
5 that is the lesser of the following:

6 (i) The amount equal to \$40,000 re-
7 duced by the amount described in subpara-
8 graph (C).

9 (ii) The amount equal to—

10 (I) the amount equal to 65 per-
11 cent of the qualified timber losses of
12 the eligible entity; reduced by

13 (II) the amount described in sub-
14 paragraph (C).

15 (B) The amount of a loan or loan guar-
16 antee the Secretary provides to an eligible enti-
17 ty under paragraph (1)(B) shall not exceed the
18 amount equal to \$5,000,000 reduced by the
19 amount described in subparagraph (C).

20 (C) The amount described in this subpara-
21 graph is, with respect to an eligible entity, the
22 amount of any financial assistance the eligible
23 entity receives with respect to calendar year
24 2025 under the Farmer Bridge Assistance Pro-
25 gram of the Department of Agriculture (as de-

1 scribed in the press release of the Department
2 of Agriculture on December 8, 2025 (Release
3 No. 0239.25)) for qualified timber losses.

4 (D) An eligible entity may not receive fi-
5 nancial assistance under this subsection and
6 under subsection (e) with respect to the same
7 losses.

8 (4) APPROPRIATION.—(A) Out of the funds of
9 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated there is ap-
10 propriated to the Secretary \$500,000,000 to carry
11 out this subsection.

12 (B) Of the amount appropriated under
13 subparagraph (A)—

14 (i) the Secretary shall use
15 \$250,000,000 to provide payments or
16 grants under paragraph (1)(A); and

17 (ii) the Secretary shall use
18 \$250,000,000 to provide loans or loan
19 guarantees under paragraph (1)(B).

20 (C) If the Secretary determines the
21 amount of funds under clause (i) or (ii) of sub-
22 paragraph (B) is insufficient to provide the fi-
23 nancial assistance specified in such clauses, the
24 Secretary may ratably reduce such assistance.

25 (5) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

1 (A) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible
2 entity” means an entity that—

3 (i)(I) is in the business of growing,
4 producing, harvesting, transporting, or
5 processing timber, including for lumber,
6 pulp, and paper, as of the date on which
7 the entity submits an application under
8 paragraph (2), and was in business during
9 the prior calendar year; or

10 (II) is entitled to an ownership
11 share, and shares in the risk, of tim-
12 ber production on private forest land
13 in the United States relating to an
14 application under paragraph (2); and

15 (ii)(I) in the case of an entity that is
16 an individual, is a citizen of the United
17 States or lawful alien (as defined in section
18 1400.3 of title 7, Code of Federal Regula-
19 tions (or successor regulations));

20 (II) is a partnership, corporation,
21 cooperative, limited liability company,
22 or other organizational structure orga-
23 nized under State law;

24 (III) is an Indian Tribe or Tribal
25 organization (as those terms are de-

1 fined in section 4 of the Indian Self-
2 Determination and Education Assist-
3 ance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)); or

4 (IV) is a foreign person that
5 meets the requirements specified in
6 section 1400.401 of title 7, Code of
7 Federal Regulations (or successor reg-
8 ulations).

9 (B) QUALIFIED TIMBER LOSSES.—The
10 term “qualified timber losses” means the tim-
11 ber-related revenue losses of an eligible entity
12 that occurred during calendar year 2025 due to
13 market and economic conditions, as determined
14 by the Secretary.

15 (f) OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.—

16 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established
17 within the Forest Service an Office of Technology
18 Transfer (referred to this subsection as the “Of-
19 fice”).

20 (2) MISSION.—The mission of the Office shall
21 be—

22 (A) to expand the commercial impact of
23 the research investments of the Forest Service;
24 and

1 (B) to provide for the commercialization of
2 technologies that support the mission of the
3 Forest Service.

4 (3) CHIEF COMMERCIALIZATION OFFICER.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Office shall be
6 headed by an officer, who shall—

7 (i) be known as the “Chief Commer-
8 cialization Officer”; and

9 (ii) report to the Deputy Chief of the
10 Forest Service for Research and Develop-
11 ment.

12 (B) QUALIFICATIONS.—An individual ap-
13 pointed to the position of Chief Commercializa-
14 tion Officer shall be an individual who, by rea-
15 son of professional background and experience,
16 is specially qualified to advise the Chief of the
17 Forest Service and the Deputy Chief of the
18 Forest Service for Research and Development
19 on technology transfer at the Forest Service.

20 (C) DUTIES.—The Chief Commercializa-
21 tion Officer shall—

22 (i) oversee the expenditure of funds
23 allocated for technology transfer within the
24 Forest Service;

25 (ii) represent the Forest Service on—

1 (I) the Federal Laboratory Con-
2 sortium for Technology Transfer es-
3 tablished by section 11(e) of the Ste-
4 venson-Wydler Technology Innovation
5 Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3710(e)); and

6 (II) other similar interagency co-
7 ordinating entities;

8 (iii) coordinate with—

9 (I) other technology transfer and
10 commercialization offices within the
11 Department of Agriculture; and

12 (II) other similar Federal enti-
13 ties, as appropriate;

14 (iv) oversee efforts to engage with pri-
15 vate sector entities, including venture cap-
16 ital companies, on issues relating to tech-
17 nology transfer and commercialization; and

18 (v) coordinate efforts to patent or oth-
19 erwise protect under title 35, United
20 States Code, any inventions arising from a
21 Forest Service laboratory.

22 (4) TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER WORKING
23 GROUP.—

24 (A) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary
25 shall establish within the Forest Service a Tech-

1 nology Transfer Working Group, which shall
2 consist of—

3 (i) the Deputy Chief of the Forest
4 Service for Research and Development;

5 (ii) the Chief Commercialization Offi-
6 cer appointed under paragraph (3);

7 (iii) representatives from each re-
8 search station within the Forest Service;
9 and

10 (iv) representatives from other Forest
11 Service entities with relevant expertise, as
12 appropriate.

13 (B) DUTIES.—The Technology Transfer
14 Working Group established under subparagraph
15 (A) shall—

16 (i) assist with the coordination of
17 technology transfer and commercialization
18 opportunities occurring at Forest Service
19 laboratories;

20 (ii) develop and disseminate guidance
21 to researchers at Forest Service labora-
22 tories on technology transfer and commer-
23 cialization requirements under the Steven-
24 son-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of
25 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.) and associ-

1 ated agreements to implement those re-
2 quirements; and

3 (iii) develop and disseminate to the
4 public and prospective technology partners
5 information about opportunities and proce-
6 dures for technology transfer with the For-
7 est Service.

8 (C) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after
9 the date of enactment of this Act, and every
10 year thereafter, the Technology Transfer Work-
11 ing Group established under subparagraph (A)
12 shall submit to Congress a report that de-
13 scribes—

14 (i) the number of cooperative research
15 and development agreements entered into
16 by the Forest Service under section 12 of
17 the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innova-
18 tion Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3710a) during
19 the preceding 5 years;

20 (ii) the number of agreements with
21 partnership intermediaries entered into by
22 the Forest Service under section 23 of the
23 Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation
24 Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3715) during the
25 preceding 5 years;

1 (iii) the number of licenses and other
2 use authorizations issued by the Forest
3 Service for patents held by the Forest
4 Service during the preceding 5 years; and
5 (iv) recommendations for legislative,
6 programmatic, or regulatory changes to
7 support the mission of the Office.

8 (5) FUNDING.—Out of the funds of the Treas-
9 ury not otherwise appropriated there is appropriated
10 to the Secretary to carry out this subsection
11 \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2026 through
12 2031.

13 (g) AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FOR-
14 ESTRY COOPERATION ACT OF 1990.—The International
15 Forestry Cooperation Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4501 et
16 seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new
17 section:

18 **“SEC. 612. DOMESTIC MARKET ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

19 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
20 lish a program under which the Secretary may undertake
21 such activities as the Secretary determines appropriate—

22 “(1) to access, develop, maintain, and expand
23 international markets for United States agricultural
24 timber products, including lumber, pulp, and paper;
25 and

1 “(2) to promote cooperation and the exchange
2 of information between domestic and international
3 agricultural timber product market participants as a
4 means of promoting the export and sale of such
5 United States timber products.

6 “(b) FUNDING.—Out of any funds in the Treasury
7 not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury
8 shall transfer to the Secretary for use carrying out this
9 section \$15,000,000, to remain available until expended.”.

10 (h) EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.—Amounts provided
11 under this section are designated by the Congress as being
12 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section
13 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
14 Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(A)(i)).

