

119TH CONGRESS  
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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. FETTERMAN (for himself and Ms. SLOTKIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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**A BILL**

To amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to improve the Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production, and for other purposes.

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 “Supporting Urban and  
5 Innovative Farming Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF URBAN AGRICULTURE AND INNOVATIVE**  
7 **PRODUCTION.**

8 Section 222 of the Department of Agriculture Reor-  
9 ganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6923) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(3)—

2 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
3 (A), by inserting “production” after “emerging  
4 agricultural”;

5 (B) in subparagraph (D)—

6 (i) by inserting “controlled-envi-  
7 ronment agriculture, including” before “hy-  
8 droponic”; and

9 (ii) by striking “and” at the end;

10 (C) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as  
11 subparagraph (H); and

12 (D) by inserting after subparagraph (D)  
13 the following:

14 “(E) using the resources of the Depart-  
15 ment and of State, Tribal, and local agencies to  
16 provide technical assistance for business incor-  
17 poration, navigating local zoning, and managing  
18 farm tract numbers for smaller, noncontiguous  
19 parcels to growers implementing activities de-  
20 scribed in this paragraph;

21 “(F) using the resources of the Depart-  
22 ment and of State, Tribal, and local agencies to  
23 promote conservation techniques unique to  
24 urban agriculture and innovative production, in-  
25 cluding techniques that address stormwater

1 runoff and the impacted nature of urban land  
2 and the subsurface of the land;

3 “(G) assisting urban and innovative pro-  
4 ducers in navigating Federal, State, Tribal, and  
5 local policies and regulations that impact busi-  
6 ness or operations; and”;

7 (2) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) in paragraph (5)(B), by striking  
9 “2023” and inserting “2029”; and

10 (B) in paragraph (7)(A), by striking “the  
11 date that is 5 years after the date on which the  
12 members are appointed under paragraph  
13 (2)(B)” and inserting “September 30, 2029”;

14 (3) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the  
15 following:

16 “(c) GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

17 “(1) GRANTS.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall  
19 award competitive grants to support the devel-  
20 opment of urban and innovative agricultural  
21 production and technical or financial assistance  
22 to producers.

23 “(B) SUBGRANTS.—An eligible entity may  
24 use funds from a grant under subparagraph (A)  
25 to provide subgrants to urban and innovative

1 producers to support the growth of the farm or  
2 farm business of the urban and innovative pro-  
3 ducers.

4 “(C) PRIORITY.—In awarding competitive  
5 grants under this paragraph, the Director shall  
6 prioritize projects that improve access to local  
7 foods in areas where access to fresh, healthy  
8 food is limited.

9 “(D) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An entity eligi-  
10 ble to receive a grant under subparagraph (A)  
11 is—

12 “(i) a nonprofit organization;

13 “(ii) a unit of local government;

14 “(iii) a Tribal organization;

15 “(iv) an agricultural cooperative or  
16 other agricultural business entity or a pro-  
17 ducer network or association; or

18 “(v) a school that serves any of  
19 grades kindergarten through grade 12.

20 “(2) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director may  
22 enter into cooperative agreements with eligible  
23 entities to support the development of urban  
24 and innovative agricultural production.

1                   “(B) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An entity eligi-  
2                   ble to enter into a cooperative agreement under  
3                   subparagraph (A) is—

4                               “(i) a nonprofit organization;

5                               “(ii) a unit of local government;

6                               “(iii) a Tribal organization; or

7                               “(iv) an agricultural cooperative or a  
8                   producer network or association.”;

9                   (4) in subsection (d)—

10                               (A) in the subsection heading, by striking  
11                   “PILOT PROJECTS” and inserting “PROJECTS”;

12                               (B) in paragraph (1)—

13                                       (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
14                   “Not later than 1 year after the date of  
15                   enactment of this section, the Secretary  
16                   shall establish a pilot program for not  
17                   fewer than 5 years that” and inserting  
18                   “The Secretary shall carry out a program  
19                   that”; and

20                                       (ii) in subparagraph (C)—

21   (I) in the matter preceding clause  
22                   (i), by striking “2023” and inserting  
23                   “2029”; and

24   (II) in clause (i), by striking  
25                   “pilot”; and

- 1 (C) in paragraph (2)—
- 2 (i) in subparagraph (A)—
- 3 (I) by striking “pilot”;
- 4 (II) by striking “local or munic-
- 5 ipal” and inserting “local, municipal,
- 6 Tribal, State, or United States terri-
- 7 tory”; and
- 8 (III) by inserting “or territories”
- 9 after “States”; and
- 10 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—
- 11 (I) in the subparagraph heading,
- 12 by striking “PILOT”; and
- 13 (II) in the matter preceding
- 14 clause (i), by inserting “Tribal gov-
- 15 ernments, States, United States terri-
- 16 tories,” after “local governments,”;
- 17 and
- 18 (iii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
- 19 “pilot” each place it appears; and
- 20 (5) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the
- 21 following:
- 22 “(e) FUNDING.—
- 23 “(1) MANDATORY FUNDING.—Of the funds of
- 24 the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary

1 shall use to carry out this section \$15,000,000 for  
2 fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter.

3 “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
5 this section \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
6 2025 through 2029.”.

7 **SEC. 3. AGRICULTURE AND FOOD RESEARCH INITIATIVE.**

8 Section 2(b)(2)(E) of the Competitive, Special, and  
9 Facilities Research Grants Act (7 U.S.C. 3157(b)(2)(E))  
10 is amended—

11 (1) in clause (iv), by striking “and” at the end;

12 (2) in clause (v), by striking the period at the  
13 end and inserting “; and”; and

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

15 “(vi) hydroponics, aquaponics,  
16 aeroponics, and other production tech-  
17 nologies used in controlled-environment ag-  
18 riculture production.”.

19 **SEC. 4. DATA COLLECTION.**

20 Section 7212(b) of the Agriculture Improvement Act  
21 of 2018 (Public Law 115–334; 132 Stat. 4812) is amend-  
22 ed—

23 (1) in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding  
24 subparagraph (A)—

1           (A) by striking “Not later than one year  
2           after the date of enactment of this Act, the”  
3           and inserting “The”; and

4           (B) by striking “the census of agriculture  
5           conducted in the calendar year 2017” and in-  
6           serting “each census of agriculture”; and

7           (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$14,000,000  
8           for the period of fiscal years 2019 through 2021”  
9           and inserting “\$18,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
10          2025 through 2029, to remain available until ex-  
11          pended”.