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Add at the end of division C the following:

TITLE XXXVI—FARM AND RANCH MENTAL HEALTH

SEC. 3601. PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT CAMPAIGN TO ADDRESS FARM AND RANCH MENTAL HEALTH.

(a) In general.—The Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall carry out a public service announcement campaign to address the mental health of farmers and ranchers.

(b) Requirements.—The public service announcement campaign under subsection (a) shall include television, radio, print, outdoor, and digital public service announcements.

(c) Contractor.—

(1) In general.—The Secretary of Agriculture may enter into a contract or other agreement with a third party to carry out the public service announcement campaign under subsection (a).
(2) REQUIREMENT.—In awarding a contract under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall use a competitive bidding process.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out this section $3,000,000, to remain available until expended.

SEC. 3602. EMPLOYEE TRAINING PROGRAM TO MANAGE FARMER AND RANCHER STRESS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary of Agriculture shall expand the pilot program carried out by the Secretary in fiscal year 2019 that trained employees of the Farm Service Agency in the management of stress experienced by farmers and ranchers, to train employees of the Farm Service Agency, the Risk Management Agency, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service in the management of stress experienced by farmers and ranchers, including the detection of stress and suicide prevention.

(b) REPORT.—Not less frequently than once every 2 years, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report describing the implementation of this section.
SEC. 3603. TASK FORCE FOR ASSESSMENT OF CAUSES OF MENTAL STRESS AND BEST PRACTICES FOR RESPONSE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall convene a task force of agricultural and rural stakeholders at the national, State, and local levels—

(1) to assess the causes of mental stress in farmers and ranchers; and

(2) to identify best practices for responding to that mental stress.

(b) SUBMISSION OF REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the task force convened under subsection (a) shall submit to the Secretary of Agriculture a report containing the assessment and best practices under paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively, of subsection (a).

(e) COLLABORATION.—In carrying out this section, the task force convened under subsection (a) shall collaborate with nongovernmental organizations and State and local agencies.