

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. FORTENBERRY OF NEBRASKA**

Strike section 3016 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 3016. JOHN OGONOWSKI AND DOUG BEREUTER FARM-**
2 **ER-TO-FARMER PROGRAM.**

3 Title V of the Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1737)
4 is amended to read as follows:

5 **“TITLE V—JOHN OGONOWSKI**
6 **AND DOUG BEREUTER FARM-**
7 **ER-TO-FARMER PROGRAM**

8 **“SEC. 501. DEFINITIONS.**

9 “In this title:

10 “(1) CARIBBEAN BASIN COUNTRY.—The term
11 ‘Caribbean Basin country’ means a country eligible
12 for designation as a beneficiary country under sec-
13 tion 212 of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery
14 Act (19 U.S.C. 2702).

15 “(2) EMERGING MARKET.—The term ‘emerging
16 market’ means a country that the Secretary deter-
17 mines—

18 “(A) is taking steps toward a market-ori-
19 ented economy through the food, agriculture, or

1 rural business sectors of the economy of the
2 country; and

3 “(B) has the potential to provide a viable
4 and significant market for United States agri-
5 cultural commodities or products of United
6 States agricultural commodities.

7 “(3) MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRY.—The term
8 ‘middle income country’ means a country that has
9 developed economically to the point where it does not
10 receive bilateral development assistance from the
11 United States.

12 “(4) PROGRAM.—The term ‘Program’ means
13 the ‘John Ogonowski and Doug Bereuter Farmer-
14 To-Farmer Program’ authorized to be established
15 under this title.

16 “(5) SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN COUNTRY.—The
17 term ‘sub-Saharan African country’ has the same
18 meaning given such term in section 107 of the
19 Trade and Development Act of 2000 (19 U.S.C.
20 3706).

21 “(6) TARGET COUNTRY.—The term ‘target
22 country’ means a country determined to be a target
23 country in accordance with the Global Food Security
24 Act (22 U.S.C. 9301 et seq.).

1 **“SEC. 502. JOHN OGWONSKI AND DOUG BEREUTER FARM-**
2 **ER-TO-FARMER PROGRAM.**

3 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.— Notwithstanding any other
4 provision of law, to further assist developing countries,
5 target countries, middle-income countries, emerging mar-
6 kets, sub-Saharan African countries, and Caribbean Basin
7 countries to increase farm production and farmer incomes,
8 the President may establish and administer a program,
9 to be known as the ‘John Ogonowski and Doug Bereuter
10 Farmer-to-Farmer Program’, of farmer-to-farmer assist-
11 ance between the United States and such countries to as-
12 sist such countries in—

13 “(1) increasing food production and distribu-
14 tion; and

15 “(2) improving the effectiveness of the farming
16 and marketing operations of agricultural producers.

17 “(b) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—Under the Program,
18 the President shall—

19 “(1) use United States agricultural producers,
20 agriculturalists, colleges and universities (including
21 historically black colleges and universities, land
22 grant colleges or universities, and foundations main-
23 tained by colleges or universities), private agri-
24 businesses, private organizations (including grass-
25 roots organizations with an established and dem-
26 onstrated capacity to carry out such a bilateral ex-

1 change program), private corporations, and non-
2 profit farm organizations to work in conjunction
3 with agricultural producers and farm organizations
4 in the countries described in subsection (a) on a vol-
5 untary basis—

6 “(A) to improve agricultural and agri-
7 business operations and agricultural systems in
8 such countries, including assessment,
9 prioritization, sequencing, monitoring and eval-
10 uation to improve—

11 “(i) field crop cultivation;

12 “(ii) fruit and vegetable growing;

13 “(iii) livestock operations;

14 “(iv) food processing and packaging;

15 “(v) farm credit;

16 “(vi) marketing;

17 “(vii) inputs;

18 “(viii) agricultural education and ex-
19 tension:

20 “(ix) selection of seed varieties and
21 plant stocks;

22 “(x) knowledge of insecticide and
23 sanitation procedures to prevent crop de-
24 struction

1 “(xi) use and maintenance of agricul-
2 tural equipment and irrigation systems;
3 and

4 “(xii) selection of fertilizers and meth-
5 ods of soils treatment; and

6 “(B) to strengthen cooperatives and other
7 agricultural groups in those countries;

8 “(2) transfer the knowledge and expertise of
9 United States agricultural producers and businesses,
10 on an individual basis, to such countries by sup-
11 porting private and public agriculturally related or-
12 ganizations that request and support technical ac-
13 tivities through cash and in-kind services; and

14 “(3) to the maximum extent practicable, make
15 grants to or enter into contracts or other cooperative
16 agreements with private voluntary organizations, co-
17 operatives, land grant colleges or universities, pri-
18 vate agribusiness, or nonprofit farm organizations to
19 carry out this title (except that any such contract or
20 other agreement may obligate the United States to
21 make outlays only to the extent that the budget au-
22 thority for such outlays is available pursuant to sec-
23 tion 505 or has otherwise been provided in advance
24 in appropriation Acts).

25 “(c) COORDINATION.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall create
2 a stronger nexus between the Agency for Inter-
3 national Development and the Department of Agri-
4 culture by coordinating the Program with other for-
5 eign assistance programs and activities carried out
6 by the United States, including the Food for Peace
7 program under this Act, the Food for Progress pro-
8 gram under the Food Security Act of 1985, and the
9 Feed the Future program under the Global Food Se-
10 curity Act of 2016.

11 “(2) DESIGNATION OF AGRICULTURAL LEAD-
12 ER.—With respect to each target country, the Sec-
13 retary of Agriculture shall designate an agricultural
14 leader, who shall be—

15 “(A) the agricultural officer from the De-
16 partment of Agriculture with responsibilities in
17 such target country; or

18 “(B) at the discretion of the Secretary and
19 subject to the availability of funding for the po-
20 sition, an individual employed in a full-time po-
21 sition as such agricultural leader.

22 “(3) DUTIES OF AGRICULTURAL LEADER.—The
23 agricultural leader with respect to a target country
24 shall—

1 “(A) have or be provided with training to
2 enhance the role of Agency for International
3 Development and the Department of Agri-
4 culture in achieving food security in the target
5 country;

6 “(B) collaborate with the staff members of
7 the Program with responsibilities in such target
8 country and staff members of the Agency for
9 International Development with responsibilities
10 for food security programs in such target coun-
11 try;

12 “(C) wherever practicable, collaborate with
13 land grant colleges or universities and agricul-
14 tural extension services active in the target
15 country to seek to leverage the expertise of the
16 land grant colleges or universities in achieving
17 the food security goals of the Program and of
18 foreign assistance programs and activities car-
19 ried out by the United States in the target
20 country; and

21 “(D) use data from the geographically de-
22 fined crop yield metrics system required to be
23 established under subsection (d) to improve and
24 advance the Program wherever increasing yields
25 is an identified outcome.

1 “(d) ESTABLISHMENT OF GEOGRAPHICALLY DE-
2 FINED CROP YIELD METRICS SYSTEM.—The Secretary of
3 Agriculture, in cooperation with the Administrator of the
4 Agency for International Development, shall—

5 “(1) establish a geographically defined crop
6 yield metrics system to assess improvements in crop
7 yield in target countries; and

8 “(2) store the data resulting from such geo-
9 graphically defined crop yield metrics system in the
10 database and Internet resource established under
11 subsection (e)

12 “(e) KNOWLEDGE SHARING FROM THE PROGRAM.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Administrator of the Agen-
14 cy for International Development, in coordination
15 with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall establish an
16 independent, third-party mechanism to support the
17 establishment of a database and Internet resource
18 and ensure that learning is shared consistently and
19 effectively on behalf of all Program stakeholders and
20 the public.

21 “(2) INFORMATION SHARING.—The Adminis-
22 trator of the Agency for International Development,
23 in coordination with the Secretary of Agriculture,
24 and participating Program stakeholders shall share
25 information online that is created or collected in the

1 implementation of the Program and other foreign
2 assistance programs and activities carried out by the
3 United States through an Internet Web portal, uti-
4 lizing pre-existing Internet Web portals, such as
5 Farmer-to-Farmer.org, and data sharing tools to in-
6 crease the body of knowledge available and acces-
7 sible to the community of practice and the public.
8 Such information may include Farmer-to-Farmer
9 project deliverables and materials created for train-
10 ing and consultation.

11 “(f) GRANT PROGRAM TO CREATE NEW PARTNERS
12 AND INNOVATION.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the
14 Agency for International Development shall develop
15 a grant program to facilitate new and innovative
16 partnerships and activities in the Program.

17 “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—Grant recipients under
18 this subsection shall use such funds—

19 “(A) to prioritize new implementing part-
20 ners;

21 “(B) on innovative volunteer models;

22 “(C) on strategic partnerships with other
23 US development programs; and

24 “(D) on expanding the footprint and im-
25 pact of the Program, and diversity among Pro-

1 gram participants, including land grant colleges
2 or universities and extension services.

3 “(g) USE OF LOCAL CURRENCIES.—To the extent
4 that local currencies can be used to meet the costs of ac-
5 tivities carried out under the Program, the President may
6 augment the funds of the United States that are available
7 for such a program through the use, within the country
8 in which the Program is being conducted, of—

9 “(1) foreign currencies that accrue from the
10 sale of agricultural commodities and products under
11 this chapter; and

12 “(2) local currencies generated from other types
13 of foreign assistance activities.

14 **“SEC. 503. SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN**
15 **AND CARIBBEAN BASIN COUNTRIES.**

16 “Congress finds that—

17 “(1) agricultural producers in sub-Saharan Af-
18 rican and Caribbean Basin countries need training
19 in agricultural techniques that are appropriate for
20 the majority of eligible agricultural producers in
21 those countries, including training in—

22 “(A) standard growing practices;

23 “(B) insecticide and sanitation procedures;

24 and

1 “(C) other agricultural methods that will
2 produce increased yields of more nutritious and
3 healthful crops;

4 “(2) agricultural producers in the United States
5 (including African-American agricultural producers)
6 and banking and insurance professionals have agri-
7 business expertise that would be invaluable for agri-
8 cultural producers in sub-Saharan African and Car-
9 ibbean Basin countries;

10 “(3) a commitment by the United States is ap-
11 propriate to support the development of a com-
12 prehensive agricultural skills training program for
13 those agricultural producers that focuses on—

14 “(A) improving knowledge of insecticide
15 and sanitation procedures to prevent crop de-
16 struction;

17 “(B) teaching modern agricultural tech-
18 niques that would facilitate a continual analysis
19 of crop production, including—

20 “(i) the identification and develop-
21 ment of standard growing practices; and

22 “(ii) the establishment of systems for
23 recordkeeping;

24 “(C) the use and maintenance of agricul-
25 tural equipment that is appropriate for the ma-

1 jority of eligible agricultural producers in sub-
2 Saharan African or Caribbean Basin countries;

3 “(D) the expansion of small agricultural
4 operations into agribusiness enterprises by in-
5 creasing access to credit for agricultural pro-
6 ducers through—

7 “(i) the development and use of vil-
8 lage banking systems; and

9 “(ii) the use of agricultural risk insur-
10 ance pilot products;

11 “(E) marketing crop yields to prospective
12 purchasers (including businesses and individ-
13 uals) for local needs and export; and

14 “(4) programs that promote the exchange of
15 agricultural knowledge and expertise through the ex-
16 change of American and foreign agricultural pro-
17 ducers have been effective in promoting improved
18 agricultural techniques and food security and the ex-
19 tension of additional resources to such farmer-to-
20 farmer exchanges is warranted

21 “(5) programs that strengthen agricultural
22 training, research and production capacities, includ-
23 ing utilizing existing Feed the Future models that
24 have proven effective, where appropriate and appli-
25 cable.

1 **“SEC. 504. GOALS FOR THE PROGRAM CARRIED OUT IN**
2 **SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN**
3 **BASIN COUNTRIES.**

4 “The goals for the Program, as carried out under this
5 title in sub-Saharan African and Caribbean Basin coun-
6 tries, shall be—

7 “(1) to expand small agricultural operations in
8 those countries into agribusiness enterprises by in-
9 creasing access to credit for agricultural producers
10 through—

11 “(A) the development and use of village
12 banking systems; and

13 “(B) the use of agricultural risk insurance
14 pilot products;

15 “(2) to provide training to agricultural pro-
16 ducers in those countries that will—

17 “(A) enhance local food security; and

18 “(B) help mitigate and alleviate hunger;

19 “(3) to provide training to agricultural pro-
20 ducers in those countries in groups to encourage
21 participants to share and pass on to other agricul-
22 tural producers in the home communities of the par-
23 ticipants, the information and skills obtained from
24 the training, rather than merely retaining the infor-
25 mation and skills for the personal enrichment of the
26 participants; and

1 “(4) to maximize the number of beneficiaries of
2 the programs in sub-Saharan African and Caribbean
3 Basin countries.

4 **“SEC. 505. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION FOR IMPLEMEN-**
5 **TATION.**

6 “(a) AGRICULTURE EXTENSION NETWORK.—The
7 Administrator of the Agency for International Develop-
8 ment, in coordination with the Secretary of Agriculture,
9 may develop an agriculture extension network, modeled
10 after land grant colleges or universities and agricultural
11 extension, or support existing networks in target countries
12 in partnership with the Program.

13 “(b) PARTNERSHIP WITH LAND GRANT UNIVER-
14 SITIES.—The Administrator of the Agency for Inter-
15 national Development, in coordination with the Secretary
16 of Agriculture shall maximize, to the extent possible, a
17 nexus for land grant colleges or universities to support tar-
18 get country projects and participants of the Program, to
19 provide—

20 “(1) agricultural education opportunities for
21 target country farmers to participate in an exchange
22 with participants of the Program and travel to the
23 United States for short-term specialized training
24 programs;

1 “(2) technological support and progress assess-
2 ments for the agricultural officer and the Program;

3 “(3) curricula and equipment to enable univer-
4 sities in the target country to train local farmers on
5 campus or in the field, with input from appropriate
6 participants of the Program; and

7 “(4) technological support for data collection
8 and analysis in yield gap and other geographically
9 based yield metrics.

10 “(c) APPROPRIATIONS.—Funding for this section
11 would be subject to additional appropriations not included
12 in this title, other than for activities which already occur
13 between agricultural extension and land grant colleges or
14 universities and the Program.

15 **“SEC. 506. MINIMUM FUNDING.**

16 “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in addi-
17 tion to any funds that may be specifically appropriated
18 to carry out this title, not less than the greater of
19 \$15,000,000 or 0.6 percent of the amounts made available
20 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2024, and not less
21 than the greater of \$15,000,000 or 0.7 percent of the
22 amounts made available for each of fiscal years 2025
23 through 2029, to carry out this chapter shall be used to
24 carry out programs under this section, with—

1 “(1) not less than 0.2 percent to be used for
2 programs in developing countries; and

3 “(2) not less than 0.1 percent to be used for
4 programs in sub-Saharan African and Caribbean
5 Basin countries.

6 **“SEC. 507. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be ap-
8 propriated for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2029 to
9 carry out the Program under this title—

10 “(1) \$10,000,000 in sub-Saharan African and
11 Caribbean Basin countries, including Target Coun-
12 tries in these regions; and

13 “(2) \$5,000,000 in—

14 “(A) target countries that are not sub-Sa-
15 haran African and Caribbean Basin countries;

16 “(B) developing or middle-income coun-
17 tries; and

18 “(C) emerging markets not described in
19 paragraph (1).

20 “(b) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Not more than 5
21 percent of the funds made available for a fiscal year under
22 subparagraph (A) may be used to pay administrative costs
23 incurred in carrying out the Program in sub-Saharan Afri-
24 can and Caribbean Basin countries.”.

