

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8038**  
**OFFERED BY MRS. HINSON OF IOWA**

At the end of the bill (before the short title) insert  
the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_. CRITICAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS OR INPUTS**

2 **STUDY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture (in  
4 this section referred to as the “Secretary”) shall, on an  
5 annual basis, submit to the Committee on Agriculture of  
6 the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agri-  
7 culture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate, an assess-  
8 ment of the dependency of the United States on critical  
9 agricultural products or inputs that could be exploited in  
10 the event the People’s Republic of China weaponizes any  
11 such critical dependency.

12 (b) CONTENTS.—The assessment under subsection  
13 (a) shall—

14 (1) address, with respect to the critical inputs  
15 specified in subsection (c), the following:

16 (A) the current domestic production capaci-  
17 ty of each such critical input; and

18 (B) the current and potential bottlenecks  
19 in the supply chain for each such critical input

1           that could be exploited by the People’s Republic  
2           of China; and

3           (2) contain the Secretary’s recommendations to  
4           reduce the dependency of the United States on the  
5           People’s Republic of China to supply critical agricul-  
6           tural products or inputs, including—

7                   (A) recommendations to mitigate potential  
8                   threats posed by the People’s Republic of China  
9                   to the supply chains of each critical input speci-  
10                  fied in subsection (c); and

11                   (B) recommendations for legislative and  
12                   regulatory actions to reduce barriers to onshore  
13                   or nearshore the production of each such crit-  
14                   ical input.

15           (c) CRITICAL INPUTS.—The critical inputs specified  
16           in this subsection shall include all farm management, ag-  
17           ronomic, and field-applied production inputs, including  
18           each of the following:

19                   (1) Agricultural equipment, machinery, and  
20                   technology.

21                   (2) Fuel.

22                   (3) Fertilizers.

23                   (4) Feed, including its components, such as vi-  
24                   tamins, amino acids, and minerals.

25                   (5) Veterinary drugs and vaccines.

1 (6) Crop protection chemicals.

2 (7) Seed.

3 (8) Any other critical agricultural inputs, as de-  
4 termined by the Secretary.

5 (d) COLLECTION, DISTRIBUTION, AND PROTECTION  
6 OF INFORMATION.—

7 (1) VOLUNTARY BASIS.—In conducting an as-  
8 sessment under subsection (a), the Secretary may  
9 not require any private entity to provide information  
10 to the Secretary.

11 (2) AGGREGATE DATA.—In the case of informa-  
12 tion provided to the Secretary to conduct an assess-  
13 ment under subsection (a), neither the Secretary,  
14 any other officer or employee of the Department of  
15 Agriculture or agency thereof, nor any other person  
16 may—

17 (A) use such information for a purpose  
18 other than the development or reporting of ag-  
19 gregate data in a manner such that the identity  
20 of the person who supplied such information is  
21 not discernible and is not material to the in-  
22 tended uses of such information; or

23 (B) disclose such information to the public,  
24 unless such information has been transformed  
25 into a statistical or aggregate form that does

1 not allow the identification of the person who  
2 supplied particular information.

3 (3) CONFIDENTIALITY.—The Secretary shall  
4 ensure that assessments submitted under subsection  
5 (a) do not include any information that is a trade  
6 secret or confidential information subject to section  
7 552(b)(4) of title 5, United States Code, or section  
8 1905 of title 18, United States Code.

9 (4) IMMUNITY FROM DISCLOSURE.—Any infor-  
10 mation provided to the Secretary as part of an as-  
11 sessment conducted under subsection (a) may not be  
12 used by the Secretary for any purpose other than to  
13 carry out such subsection.

