

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119–22**  
**OFFERED BY MR. NEGUSE OF COLORADO**

At the end of subtitle D of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12414. STUDY ON ACCESSIBILITY OF ADDICTION AND**  
2 **MENTAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND**  
3 **SERVICES FOR FARMERS AND RANCHERS.**

4 (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Agri-  
5 culture, acting through the Director of the National Insti-  
6 tute of Food and Agriculture (in this section referred to  
7 as the “Secretary”), shall conduct a study on the accessi-  
8 bility of addiction and mental health care providers and  
9 services for farmers and ranchers who have been impacted  
10 by severe and persistent drought, extreme weather events,  
11 instability in the commodities market, misinformation tar-  
12 geting consumers, and related factors.

13 (b) **TOPICS ADDRESSED.**—The study conducted  
14 under subsection (a) shall include an examination of the  
15 following:

16 (1) The availability and accessibility in rural  
17 areas of addiction and mental health care providers  
18 and services that are trained and dedicated to serve

1 the needs of farmers, ranchers, agricultural workers,  
2 and their family members.

3 (2) Barriers and challenges faced by farmers  
4 and ranchers in accessing addiction and mental  
5 health care and health and wellness resources, in-  
6 cluding financial, geographic, and cultural barriers.

7 (3) Identification of best practices and success-  
8 ful programs at the State and local level that can be  
9 replicated at the Federal level to address addiction  
10 and mental health care needs in agricultural commu-  
11 nities including the following:

12 (A) Hiring and training addiction and  
13 mental health care professionals with expertise  
14 in working with agricultural communities.

15 (B) Accessing cultural competency training  
16 for addiction and mental health care profes-  
17 sionals that lack expertise in working with agri-  
18 cultural communities.

19 (C) Developing certificate programs for  
20 paraprofessionals and coaches to offer peer-to-  
21 peer support programming.

22 (D) Researching effective curricula for  
23 youth and young adults to be offered in rural  
24 schools.

1 (E) Expanding telehealth and telemedicine  
2 services to improve access to care in rural  
3 areas.

4 (F) Developing outreach and educational  
5 programs to reduce stigma and increase aware-  
6 ness of mental health issues among farmers and  
7 ranchers.

8 (G) Enhancing coordination and collabora-  
9 tion between existing mental health providers  
10 and agricultural organizations.

11 (H) Conducting research and evaluation to  
12 measure the effectiveness of addiction and men-  
13 tal health care services provided to farmers and  
14 ranchers.

15 (4) Recommendations for improving the accessi-  
16 bility of addiction and mental health care for farm-  
17 ers and ranchers.

18 (5) The feasibility of providing funding for 6  
19 reimbursable therapy sessions, by providers that are  
20 trained and dedicated to serve the needs of farmers,  
21 ranchers and their family members, through the  
22 Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network under  
23 section 7522 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy  
24 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 5936).

1           (c) COLLABORATION AND CONSULTATION.—The Sec-  
2   retary shall collaborate and consult with relevant Federal  
3   agencies, State departments of agriculture, mental health  
4   organizations, agricultural organizations, and other stake-  
5   holders in conducting the study.

6           (d) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
7   of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture  
8   shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House  
9   of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nu-  
10   trition, and Forestry of the Senate a report containing the  
11   findings of the study under subsection (a).

12          (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
13   authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
14   \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2030.

