

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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OFFERED BY MS. SPANBERGER OF VIRGINIA

Page 7, line 1, strike “**AGRICULTURE AND**” and all that follows through “**TASK FORCE**” on line 4 and insert the following: “**AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCY**”.

Page 7, after line 4, insert the following: “**Subtitle A—Agriculture and Food System Supply Chain Resilience and Crisis Response Task Force**”.

Page 12, after line 4, add the following:

1 **Subtitle B—American Food Supply**
2 **Chain Resiliency**

3 **SEC. 311. SUPPLY CHAIN REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS.**

4 The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C.
5 1621 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

1 **“Subtitle H—Food Supply Chain**
2 **Resiliency**

3 **“SEC. 298. SUPPLY CHAIN REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
5 the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service,
6 shall enter into cooperative agreements with eligible enti-
7 ties to establish not fewer than 6 Supply Chain Regional
8 Resource Centers to support small-sized and medium-sized
9 producers of agricultural products and small-sized and
10 medium-sized agricultural businesses through activities,
11 which may include—

12 “(1) offering coordination, technical assistance,
13 and capacity building support to small-sized and me-
14 dium-sized producers of agricultural products and
15 agricultural businesses;

16 “(2) supporting supply chain and value chain
17 coordination—

18 “(A) in the region in which such producers
19 or businesses are located; and

20 “(B) with the Department of Agriculture,
21 other Federal, State, and Tribal agencies with
22 relevant resources, regional commissions, and
23 other Supply Chain Regional Resource Centers;

24 “(3) providing technical assistance to such pro-
25 ducers and businesses;

1 “(4) providing grants or other financial assist-
2 ance to such producers and businesses looking to ex-
3 pand production or a business or start production or
4 a business in such region; and

5 “(5) carrying out such other activities as may
6 be specified by the Secretary.

7 “(b) FOCUS ON TRIBAL SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES.—At
8 least one Supply Chain Regional Resource Center estab-
9 lished pursuant to subsection (a) shall provide coordina-
10 tion, assistance, and capacity building support to address
11 supply chain issues faced by Indian tribes and Tribal orga-
12 nizations (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-
13 mination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.
14 5304)).

15 “(c) APPLICATION.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity (includ-
17 ing an entity representing a partnership) seeking to
18 enter into a cooperative agreement under this sec-
19 tion shall submit to the Secretary an application, at
20 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
21 formation as the Secretary may require, including
22 how the Supply Chain Regional Resource Centers es-
23 tablished by such entity will address food and agri-
24 cultural supply chain issues faced by underserved
25 communities.

1 “(2) REGIONAL DIVERSITY.—In selecting eligi-
2 ble entities to enter into a cooperative agreement
3 under this section, the Secretary shall ensure the re-
4 gional diversity of such entities.

5 “(d) TERM.—The term of a cooperative agreement
6 entered into under this section shall be not less than 4
7 years.

8 “(e) COORDINATION.—A Supply Chain Regional Re-
9 source Center shall, as a condition on entering into a coop-
10 erative agreement under this section, agree to coordinate
11 with other Supply Chain Regional Resource Centers, when
12 appropriate.

13 “(f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Beginning not later
14 than 2 years after the date of the enactment of the Lower
15 Food and Fuel Costs Act, and every 2 years thereafter,
16 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agri-
17 culture of the House of Representatives and the Com-
18 mittee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Sen-
19 ate a report on—

20 “(1) with respect to the activities carried out by
21 the Secretary under this section—

22 “(A) a description of such activities; and

23 “(B) the impact of such activities on sup-
24 ply chain issues faced by small-sized and me-

1 dium-sized producers of agricultural products;
2 and

3 “(2) with respect to the activities carried out by
4 the Supply Chain Regional Resource Centers under
5 this section—

6 “(A) a description of such activities;

7 “(B) the impact of such activities on sup-
8 ply chain issues faced by small-sized and me-
9 dium-sized producers of agricultural products
10 and agricultural businesses; and

11 “(C) any grants awarded by Supply Chain
12 Regional Resource Centers to such producers
13 and businesses.

14 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
16 tity’ means—

17 “(A) a State government (or a political
18 subdivision thereof), regional authority, or an
19 Indian Tribe or Tribal organization;

20 “(B) a college or university (as defined in
21 section 1404 of the National Agricultural Re-
22 search, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of
23 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103)) (including a land-grant
24 college or university); or

1 “(C) a nonprofit organization, including a
2 producer network or association, a food council,
3 an economic development corporation, or an-
4 other organization.

5 “(2) STATE.—The term ‘State’ has the mean-
6 ing given such term in section 1404 of the National
7 Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Pol-
8 icy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103).

9 “(h) FUNDING.—In addition to amounts otherwise
10 available, there is authorized to be appropriated to carry
11 out this section \$6,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023
12 through 2026.

13 “(i) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
14 tion may be interpreted to undermine or narrow the au-
15 thority of the Secretary to carry out activities described
16 in subsection (a) under any other authority of the Sec-
17 retary.”.

18 **SEC. 312. AGRICULTURE INNOVATION CENTERS PROGRAM.**

19 Section 6402(a) of the Farm Security and Rural In-
20 vestment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1632b(a)) is amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at the
22 end;

23 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at
24 the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

1 “(4) applied research, technical assistance, sup-
2 port services, outreach, and other services to
3 strengthen, maintain, and secure supply chains re-
4 lated to value-added agricultural commodities and
5 products produced in the United States.”.

