

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4838

To amend the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 to extend and enhance the specialty crop block grants program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 24, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself and Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Specialty Crop Secu-
5 rity Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION AND ENHANCEMENT OF SPECIALTY**
7 **CROP BLOCK GRANTS.**

8 (a) AVAILABILITY AND PURPOSE OF GRANTS.—Sec-
9 tion 101(a) of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of
10 2004 (7 U.S.C. 1621 note) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “2023” and inserting “2028”;
2 and

3 (2) by inserting “through priorities jointly identified by specialty crop producers, producer groups,
4 and state program administrators,” after “specialty
5 crops,”.

6 (b) PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—Section 101(e) of the
7 Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 (7 U.S.C.
8 1621 note) is amended to read as follows:

9 “(e) PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—The State plan shall
10 identify the lead agency charged with the responsibility of
11 carrying out the plan and indicate—

12 “(1) how the grant funds will be utilized to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops; and
13 “(2) how outreach to, and consultation with,
14 specialty crop stakeholders will be achieved.”.

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16 specialty crop stakeholders will be achieved.”.

17 (c) FUNDING.—Section 101(l)(1) of the Specialty
18 Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 (7 U.S.C. 1621 note)
19 is amended—

20 (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at
21 the end;

22 (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking “fiscal
23 year 2018 and each fiscal year thereafter.” and inserting “each of fiscal years 2018 through 2023;
24 and”; and
25 and”;

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

2 “(F) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2024

3 and each fiscal year thereafter.”.

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