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# H. R. 1086

To amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to extend and expand the Market Access Program and the Foreign Market Development Cooperator Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEWHOUSE (for himself, Mr. MANN, Mr. FINSTAD, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. COSTA, and Ms. PINGREE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## 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 “Agriculture Export  
5       Promotion Act of 2025”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds that—

1           (1) between 1977 and 2019, the export pro-  
2           motion programs of the Department of Agri-  
3           culture—

4                   (A) have added an average of  
5                   \$9,600,000,000 annually to the value of United  
6                   States agricultural exports, equal to a total of  
7                   nearly \$648,000,000,000, or 13.7 percent, in  
8                   additional export revenue; and

9                   (B) have generated a net return of \$24.50  
10                  for every dollar invested;

11          (2) between 2002 and 2019, the export pro-  
12          motion programs of the Department of Agri-  
13          culture—

14                  (A) have contributed to the creation of up  
15                  to 225,800 full- and part-time jobs across the  
16                  United States economy; and

17                  (B) have added up to \$45,000,000,000 in  
18                  gross economic output and \$22,300,000,000 in  
19                  gross domestic product;

20          (3) communities across the United States pro-  
21          ducing agricultural commodities as varied as apples,  
22          cotton, beef, soybeans, rice, wheat, dairy, corn, cit-  
23          rus, wine, pork, peanuts, cranberries, lentils, tree  
24          nuts, timber, poultry, potatoes, and seafood have uti-  
25          lized the export promotion programs of the Depart-

1       ment of Agriculture to increase access to foreign  
2       markets;

3           (4) private sector contributions have helped  
4       maintain the public-private partnership between the  
5       Department of Agriculture and private agricultural  
6       groups as available funds from the Department of  
7       Agriculture have declined, with private contributions  
8       representing approximately 70 to 77 percent of the  
9       funds available for export promotion from 2013 to  
10      2019;

11          (5) foreign competitors have expanded their ag-  
12      ricultural export promotion programs at a far faster  
13      rate than the United States, placing United States  
14      producers at a competitive disadvantage in inter-  
15      national markets;

16          (6) the economic impact of the export pro-  
17      motion programs of the Department of Agriculture  
18      has eroded in recent years, as funding for the Mar-  
19      ket Access Program has remained static since 2006  
20      and funding for the Foreign Market Development  
21      Cooperator Program has remained static since 2002,  
22      while inflation has increased; and

23          (7) a recent academic analysis found that dou-  
24      bling public funding for the Market Access Program  
25      and the Foreign Market Development Cooperator

1 Program, coupled with increasing private contribu-  
 2 tions ranging from 10 to 20 percent, would result in  
 3 average annual gains in agricultural exports of ap-  
 4 proximately \$7,400,000,000.

5 **SEC. 3. AGRICULTURAL TRADE PROMOTION AND FACILITA-**  
 6 **TION.**

7 Section 203(f) of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978  
 8 (7 U.S.C. 5623(f)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “2019 through 2023” each place  
 10 it appears and inserting “2025 through 2029”;

11 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking  
 12 “\$255,000,000” and inserting “\$489,500,000”;

13 (3) in paragraph (3)(A)(i), by striking  
 14 “\$200,000,000” and inserting “\$400,000,000”;

15 (4) in paragraph (3)(A)(ii), by striking  
 16 “\$34,500,000” and inserting “\$69,000,000”; and

17 (5) in paragraph (4), by striking “during the  
 18 period in which that memorandum is in effect” and  
 19 inserting “during the period in which the directives  
 20 in such memorandum are in effect”.

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