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Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 25, 2025

Mr. HARRIS of Maryland, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following bill; which was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for Ag-
5 riculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administra-

tion, and Related Agencies programs for fiscal year ending
September 30, 2026, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I

AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

PROCESSING, RESEARCH, AND MARKETING

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary,
\$43,856,000 of which not to exceed \$5,551,000 shall be
available for the immediate Office of the Secretary; not
to exceed \$1,700,000 shall be available for the Office of
Homeland Security; not to exceed \$5,190,000 shall be
available for the Office of Tribal Relations; not to exceed
\$5,000,000 shall be available for the Office of Partner-
ships and Public Engagement; not to exceed \$17,915,000
shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary
for Administration, of which \$17,015,000 shall be avail-
able for Departmental Administration to provide for nec-
essary expenses for management support services to of-
fices of the Department and for general administration,
security, repairs and alterations, and other miscellaneous
supplies and expenses not otherwise provided for and nec-
essary for the practical and efficient work of the Depart-
ment: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to
an agency in the Administration mission area for salaries

1 and expenses are available to fund up to one administra-
2 tive support staff for the Office; not to exceed \$3,500,000
3 shall be available for the Office of Assistant Secretary for
4 Congressional Relations and Intergovernmental Affairs to
5 carry out the programs funded by this Act, including pro-
6 grams involving intergovernmental affairs and liaison
7 within the executive branch; and not to exceed \$5,000,000
8 shall be available for the Office of Communications: *Pro-*
9 *vided further*, That the Secretary of Agriculture is author-
10 ized to transfer funds appropriated for any office of the
11 Office of the Secretary to any other office of the Office
12 of the Secretary: *Provided further*, That no appropriation
13 for any office shall be increased or decreased by more than
14 5 percent: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$22,000
15 of the amount made available under this paragraph for
16 the immediate Office of the Secretary shall be available
17 for official reception and representation expenses, not oth-
18 erwise provided for, as determined by the Secretary: *Pro-*
19 *vided further*, That the amount made available under this
20 heading for Departmental Administration shall be reim-
21 bursed from applicable appropriations in this Act for trav-
22 el expenses incident to the holding of hearings as required
23 by 5 U.S.C. 551–558: *Provided further*, That funds made
24 available under this heading for the Office of the Assistant
25 Secretary for Congressional Relations and Intergovern-

1 mental Affairs shall be transferred to agencies of the De-
 2 partment of Agriculture funded by this Act to maintain
 3 personnel at the agency level: *Provided further*, That no
 4 funds made available under this heading for the Office of
 5 Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations may be
 6 obligated after 30 days from the date of enactment of this
 7 Act, unless the Secretary has notified the Committees on
 8 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the alloca-
 9 tion of these funds by USDA agency: *Provided further*,
 10 That during any 30 day notification period referenced in
 11 section 716 of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall
 12 take no action to begin implementation of the action that
 13 is subject to section 716 of this Act or make any public
 14 announcement of such action in any form.

15 EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

16 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ECONOMIST

17 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief
 18 Economist, \$28,000,000, of which \$11,225,000 shall be
 19 for grants or cooperative agreements for policy research
 20 under 7 U.S.C. 3155: *Provided*, That of the amounts made
 21 available under this heading, \$500,000 shall be available
 22 to carry out section 224 of subtitle A of the Department
 23 of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C.
 24 6924), as amended by section 12504 of Public Law 115–
 25 334.

1 OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

2 For necessary expenses of the Office of Hearings and
3 Appeals, \$12,703,000.

4 OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of Budget and
6 Program Analysis, \$14,967,000.

7 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

8 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief In-
9 formation Officer, \$85,000,000, of which not less than
10 \$60,032,000 is for cybersecurity requirements of the de-
11 partment.

12 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

13 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Fi-
14 nancial Officer, \$5,867,000.

15 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CIVIL

16 RIGHTS

17 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Assistant
18 Secretary for Civil Rights, \$900,000: *Provided*, That
19 funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Civil
20 Rights mission area for salaries and expenses are available
21 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-
22 fice.

23 OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

24 For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights,
25 \$24,500,000.

1 AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

2 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

3 For payment of space rental and related costs pursu-
4 ant to Public Law 92–313, including authorities pursuant
5 to the 1984 delegation of authority from the Adminis-
6 trator of General Services to the Department of Agri-
7 culture under 40 U.S.C. 121, for programs and activities
8 of the Department which are included in this Act, and for
9 alterations and other actions needed for the Department
10 and its agencies to consolidate unneeded space into con-
11 figurations suitable for release to the Administrator of
12 General Services, and for the operation, maintenance, im-
13 provement, and repair of Agriculture buildings and facili-
14 ties, and for related costs, \$10,603,000, to remain avail-
15 able until expended.

16 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

17 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

18 For necessary expenses of the Department of Agri-
19 culture, to comply with the Comprehensive Environmental
20 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.
21 9601 et seq.) and the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C.
22 6901 et seq.), \$1,000,000, to remain available until ex-
23 pended: *Provided*, That appropriations and funds available
24 herein to the Department for Hazardous Materials Man-
25 agement may be transferred to any agency of the Depart-

1 ment for its use in meeting all requirements pursuant to
2 the above Acts on Federal and non-Federal lands.

3 OFFICE OF SAFETY, SECURITY, AND PROTECTION

4 For necessary expenses of the Office of Safety, Secu-
5 rity, and Protection, \$18,300,000.

6 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

7 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
8 General, including employment pursuant to the Inspector
9 General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–452; 5 U.S.C. App.),
10 \$94,561,000, including such sums as may be necessary for
11 contracting and other arrangements with public agencies
12 and private persons pursuant to section 6(a)(9) of the In-
13 spector General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–452; 5
14 U.S.C. App.), and including not to exceed \$125,000 for
15 certain confidential operational expenses, including the
16 payment of informants, to be expended under the direction
17 of the Inspector General pursuant to the Inspector Gen-
18 eral Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–452; 5 U.S.C. App.) and
19 section 1337 of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981
20 (Public Law 97–98).

21 OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

22 For necessary expenses of the Office of the General
23 Counsel, \$55,537,000.

1 OFFICE OF ETHICS

2 For necessary expenses of the Office of Ethics,
3 \$4,136,000.

4 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH,
5 EDUCATION, AND ECONOMICS

6 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
7 Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics,
8 \$2,384,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
9 Act to an agency in the Research, Education, and Eco-
10 nomics mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-
11 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for
12 the Office: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made
13 available under this heading, \$1,000,000 shall be made
14 available for the Office of the Chief Scientist.

15 ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE

16 For necessary expenses of the Economic Research
17 Service, \$85,612,000.

18 NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

19 For necessary expenses of the National Agricultural
20 Statistics Service, \$180,000,000, of which up to
21 \$46,000,000 shall be available until expended for the Cen-
22 sus of Agriculture: *Provided*, That amounts made available
23 for the Census of Agriculture may be used to conduct Cur-
24 rent Industrial Report surveys subject to 7 U.S.C.
25 2204g(d) and (f): *Provided further*, That the Secretary

1 shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of the
2 House and Senate in writing 30 days prior to dis-
3 continuing data collection programs and reports.

4 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

5 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

6 For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Research
7 Service and for acquisition of lands by donation, exchange,
8 or purchase at a nominal cost not to exceed \$100,000 and
9 with prior notification and approval of the Committees on
10 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, and for land
11 exchanges where the lands exchanged shall be of equal
12 value or shall be equalized by a payment of money to the
13 grantor which shall not exceed 25 percent of the total
14 value of the land or interests transferred out of Federal
15 ownership, \$1,790,550,000, which shall be for the pur-
16 poses, and in the amounts, specified in the table titled
17 “Agricultural Research Service Salaries and Expenses” in
18 the report accompanying this Act: *Provided*, That appro-
19 priations hereunder shall be available for the operation
20 and maintenance of aircraft and the purchase of not to
21 exceed one for replacement only: *Provided further*, That
22 appropriations hereunder shall be available pursuant to 7
23 U.S.C. 2250 for the construction, alteration, and repair
24 of buildings and improvements, but unless otherwise pro-
25 vided, the cost of constructing any one building shall not

1 exceed \$500,000, except for headhouses or greenhouses
2 which shall each be limited to \$1,800,000, except for 10
3 buildings to be constructed or improved at a cost not to
4 exceed \$1,100,000 each, and except for four buildings to
5 be constructed at a cost not to exceed \$5,000,000 each,
6 and the cost of altering any one building during the fiscal
7 year shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replace-
8 ment value of the building or \$500,000, whichever is
9 greater: *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder
10 shall be available for entering into lease agreements at any
11 Agricultural Research Service location for the construction
12 of a research facility by a non-Federal entity for use by
13 the Agricultural Research Service and a condition of the
14 lease shall be that any facility shall be owned, operated,
15 and maintained by the non-Federal entity and shall be re-
16 moved upon the expiration or termination of the lease
17 agreement: *Provided further*, That the limitations on alter-
18 ations contained in this Act shall not apply to moderniza-
19 tion or replacement of existing facilities at Beltsville,
20 Maryland: *Provided further*, That appropriations here-
21 under shall be available for granting easements at the
22 Beltsville Agricultural Research Center: *Provided further*,
23 That the foregoing limitations shall not apply to replace-
24 ment of buildings needed to carry out the Act of April
25 24, 1948 (21 U.S.C. 113a): *Provided further*, That appro-

1 priations hereunder shall be available for granting ease-
2 ments at any Agricultural Research Service location for
3 the construction of a research facility by a non-Federal
4 entity for use by, and acceptable to, the Agricultural Re-
5 search Service and a condition of the easements shall be
6 that upon completion the facility shall be accepted by the
7 Secretary, subject to the availability of funds herein, if the
8 Secretary finds that acceptance of the facility is in the
9 interest of the United States: *Provided further*, That funds
10 may be received from any State, other political subdivi-
11 sion, organization, or individual for the purpose of estab-
12 lishing or operating any research facility or research
13 project of the Agricultural Research Service, as authorized
14 by law.

15 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

16 For the acquisition of land, construction, repair, im-
17 provement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed
18 equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agri-
19 cultural research programs of the Department of Agri-
20 culture, where not otherwise provided, \$21,000,000, to re-
21 main available until expended, for the purposes, and in
22 the amounts, specified for this account in the table titled
23 “Community Project Funding” in the report accom-
24 panying this Act.

1 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
2 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

3 For payments to agricultural experiment stations, for
4 cooperative forestry and other research, for facilities, and
5 for other expenses, \$1,058,000,000, which shall be for the
6 purposes, and in the amounts, specified in the table titled
7 “National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Research
8 and Education Activities” in the report accompanying this
9 Act: *Provided*, That funds for research grants for 1994
10 institutions, education grants for 1890 institutions, His-
11 panic serving institutions education grants, capacity build-
12 ing for non-land-grant colleges of agriculture, the agri-
13 culture and food research initiative, veterinary medicine
14 loan repayment, multicultural scholars, graduate fellow-
15 ship and institution challenge grants, grants management
16 systems, tribal colleges education equity grants, and schol-
17 arships at 1890 institutions shall remain available until
18 expended: *Provided further*, That each institution eligible
19 to receive funds under the Evans-Allen program receives
20 no less than \$1,000,000: *Provided further*, That funds for
21 education grants for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-
22 serving institutions be made available to individual eligible
23 institutions or consortia of eligible institutions with funds
24 awarded equally to each of the States of Alaska and Ha-
25 waii: *Provided further*, That funds for providing grants for

1 food and agricultural sciences for Alaska Native and Na-
 2 tive Hawaiian-Serving institutions and for Insular Areas
 3 shall remain available until September 30, 2027: *Provided*
 4 *further*, That funds for education grants for 1890 institu-
 5 tions shall be made available to institutions eligible to re-
 6 ceive funds under 7 U.S.C. 3221 and 3222: *Provided fur-*
 7 *ther*, That not more than 5 percent of the amounts made
 8 available by this or any other Act to carry out the Agri-
 9 culture and Food Research Initiative under 7 U.S.C. 3157
 10 may be retained by the Secretary of Agriculture to pay
 11 administrative costs incurred by the Secretary in carrying
 12 out that authority.

13 NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND

14 For the Native American Institutions Endowment
 15 Fund authorized by Public Law 103–382 (7 U.S.C. 301
 16 note), \$11,880,000, to remain available until expended.

17 EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

18 For payments to States, the District of Columbia,
 19 Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, the
 20 Northern Marianas, and American Samoa, \$556,000,000,
 21 which shall be for the purposes, and in the amounts, speci-
 22 fied in the table titled “National Institute of Food and
 23 Agriculture, Extension Activities” in the report accom-
 24 panying this Act: *Provided*, That funds for extension serv-
 25 ices at 1994 institutions and for facility improvements at

1 1890 institutions shall remain available until expended:
 2 *Provided further*, That institutions eligible to receive funds
 3 under 7 U.S.C. 3221 for cooperative extension receive no
 4 less than \$1,000,000: *Provided further*, That funds for co-
 5 operative extension under sections 3(b) and (c) of the
 6 Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(b) and (c)) and section
 7 208(c) of Public Law 93–471 shall be available for retire-
 8 ment and employees’ compensation costs for extension
 9 agents.

10 INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES

11 For the integrated research, education, and extension
 12 grants programs, including necessary administrative ex-
 13 penses, \$40,100,000, which shall be for the purposes, and
 14 in the amounts, specified in the table titled “National In-
 15 stitute of Food and Agriculture, Integrated Activities” in
 16 the report accompanying this Act: *Provided*, That funds
 17 for the Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative shall re-
 18 main available until September 30, 2027: *Provided further*,
 19 That notwithstanding any other provision of law, indirect
 20 costs shall not be charged against any Extension Imple-
 21 mentation Program Area grant awarded under the Crop
 22 Protection/Pest Management Program (7 U.S.C. 7626).

1 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR MARKETING
2 AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

3 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
4 Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs,
5 \$1,617,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
6 Act to an agency in the Marketing and Regulatory Pro-
7 grams mission area for salaries and expenses are available
8 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-
9 fice.

10 ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
11 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
12 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

13 For necessary expenses of the Animal and Plant
14 Health Inspection Service, including up to \$30,000 for
15 representation allowances and for expenses pursuant to
16 the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4085),
17 \$1,146,000,000, which shall be for the purposes, and in
18 the amounts, specified in the table titled “Animal and
19 Plant Health Inspection Service, Salaries and Expenses”
20 in the report accompanying this Act; of which \$250,000,
21 to remain available until expended, shall be available for
22 the control of outbreaks of insects, plant diseases, animal
23 diseases and for control of pest animals and birds (“con-
24 tingency fund”) to the extent necessary to meet emergency
25 conditions; of which \$15,500,000, to remain available until

1 expended, shall be used for the cotton pests program, in-
2 cluding for cost share purposes or for debt retirement for
3 active eradication zones; of which \$42,000,000, to remain
4 available until expended, shall be for Animal Health Tech-
5 nical Services; of which \$35,500,000, to remain available
6 until expended, shall be for agricultural quarantine and
7 inspection services; of which \$65,000,000, to remain avail-
8 able until expended, shall be used to support avian health;
9 of which \$3,000,000, to remain available until expended,
10 shall be for information technology infrastructure; of
11 which \$216,250,000, to remain available until expended,
12 shall be for specialty crop pests, of which \$8,500,000, to
13 remain available until September 30, 2027, shall be for
14 one-time control and management and associated activi-
15 ties directly related to the multiple-agency response to cit-
16 rus greening; of which \$11,000,000, to remain available
17 until expended, shall be for field crop and rangeland eco-
18 system pests; of which \$21,000,000, to remain available
19 until expended, shall be for zoonotic disease management;
20 of which \$44,500,000, to remain available until expended,
21 shall be for emergency preparedness and response; of
22 which \$59,000,000, to remain available until expended,
23 shall be for tree and wood pests; of which \$6,500,000, to
24 remain available until expended, shall be for the National
25 Veterinary Stockpile; of which up to \$1,500,000, to re-

1 main available until expended, shall be for the scrapie pro-
2 gram for indemnities; of which \$2,500,000, to remain
3 available until expended, shall be for the wildlife damage
4 management program for aviation safety: *Provided*, That
5 of amounts available under this heading for wildlife serv-
6 ices methods development, \$1,000,000 shall remain avail-
7 able until expended: *Provided further*, That of amounts
8 available under this heading for the screwworm program,
9 \$10,000,000 shall remain available until expended; of
10 which \$24,527,000, to remain available until expended,
11 shall be used to carry out the science program and transi-
12 tion activities for the National Bio and Agro-defense Fa-
13 cility located in Manhattan, Kansas: *Provided further*,
14 That no funds shall be used to formulate or administer
15 a brucellosis eradication program for the current fiscal
16 year that does not require minimum matching by the
17 States of at least 40 percent: *Provided further*, That this
18 appropriation shall be available for the purchase, replace-
19 ment, operation, and maintenance of aircraft: *Provided*
20 *further*, That in addition, in emergencies which threaten
21 any segment of the agricultural production industry of the
22 United States, the Secretary may transfer from other ap-
23 propriations or funds available to the agencies or corpora-
24 tions of the Department such sums as may be deemed nec-
25 essary, to be available only in such emergencies for the

1 arrest and eradication of contagious or infectious disease
2 or pests of animals, poultry, or plants, and for expenses
3 in accordance with sections 10411 and 10417 of the Ani-
4 mal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8310 and 8316) and
5 sections 431 and 442 of the Plant Protection Act (7
6 U.S.C. 7751 and 7772), and any unexpended balances of
7 funds transferred for such emergency purposes in the pre-
8 ceding fiscal year shall be merged with such transferred
9 amounts: *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder
10 shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the
11 repair and alteration of leased buildings and improve-
12 ments, but unless otherwise provided the cost of altering
13 any one building during the fiscal year shall not exceed
14 10 percent of the current replacement value of the build-
15 ing.

16 In fiscal year 2026, the agency is authorized to collect
17 fees to cover the total costs of providing technical assist-
18 ance, goods, or services requested by States, other political
19 subdivisions, domestic and international organizations,
20 foreign governments, or individuals, provided that such
21 fees are structured such that any entity's liability for such
22 fees is reasonably based on the technical assistance, goods,
23 or services provided to the entity by the agency, and such
24 fees shall be reimbursed to this account, to remain avail-

1 able until expended, without further appropriation, for
 2 providing such assistance, goods, or services.

3 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

4 For plans, construction, repair, preventive mainte-
 5 nance, environmental support, improvement, extension, al-
 6 teration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities, as
 7 authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2250, and acquisition of land as
 8 authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2268a, \$1,000,000, to remain
 9 available until expended.

10 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

11 MARKETING SERVICES

12 For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Marketing
 13 Service, \$190,250,000, of which \$5,000,000 shall be avail-
 14 able for the purposes of section 12306 of Public Law 113–
 15 79, and of which \$1,000,000 shall be available for the pur-
 16 poses of section 779 of division A of Public Law 117–
 17 103: *Provided*, That of the amounts made available under
 18 this heading, \$10,000,000, to remain available until ex-
 19 pended, shall be to carry out section 12513 of Public Law
 20 115–334, and the Secretary shall take measures to ensure
 21 an equal distribution of funds between the four regional
 22 innovation initiatives: *Provided further*, That this appro-
 23 priation shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250)
 24 for the alteration and repair of buildings and improve-
 25 ments, but the cost of altering any one building during

1 the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of the current
2 replacement value of the building.

3 Fees may be collected for the cost of standardization
4 activities, as established by regulation pursuant to law (31
5 U.S.C. 9701), except for the cost of activities relating to
6 the development or maintenance of grain standards under
7 the United States Grain Standards Act, 7 U.S.C. 71 et
8 seq.

9 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

10 Not to exceed \$62,596,000 (from fees collected) shall
11 be obligated during the current fiscal year for administra-
12 tive expenses: *Provided*, That if crop size is understated
13 and/or other uncontrollable events occur, the agency may
14 exceed this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification
15 to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of
16 Congress.

17 FUNDS FOR STRENGTHENING MARKETS, INCOME, AND

18 SUPPLY (SECTION 32)

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

20 Funds available under section 32 of the Act of Au-
21 gust 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), shall be used only for com-
22 modity program expenses as authorized therein, and other
23 related operating expenses, except for: (1) transfers to the
24 Department of Commerce as authorized by the Fish and
25 Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a et seq.); (2) trans-

1 fers otherwise provided in this Act; and (3) not more than
 2 \$23,880,000 for formulation and administration of mar-
 3 keting agreements and orders pursuant to the Agricultural
 4 Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 and the Agricultural
 5 Act of 1961 (Public Law 87–128).

6 PAYMENTS TO STATES AND POSSESSIONS

7 For payments to departments of agriculture, bureaus
 8 and departments of markets, and similar agencies for
 9 marketing activities under section 204(b) of the Agricul-
 10 tural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1623(b)),
 11 \$1,000,000.

12 LIMITATION ON INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES

13 EXPENSES

14 Not to exceed \$55,000,000 (from fees collected) shall
 15 be obligated during the current fiscal year for inspection
 16 and weighing services: *Provided*, That if grain export ac-
 17 tivities require additional supervision and oversight, or
 18 other uncontrollable factors occur, this limitation may be
 19 exceeded by up to 10 percent with notification to the Com-
 20 mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

21 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD SAFETY

22 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
 23 Secretary for Food Safety, \$1,117,000: *Provided*, That
 24 funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Food
 25 Safety mission area for salaries and expenses are available

1 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-
2 fice.

3 FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

4 For necessary expenses to carry out services author-
5 ized by the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry
6 Products Inspection Act, and the Egg Products Inspection
7 Act, including not to exceed \$10,000 for representation
8 allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of the
9 Act approved August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766),
10 \$1,216,009,000; and in addition, \$1,000,000 may be cred-
11 ited to this account from fees collected for the cost of lab-
12 oratory accreditation as authorized by section 1327 of the
13 Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990
14 (7 U.S.C. 138f): *Provided*, That funds provided for the
15 Public Health Data Communication Infrastructure system
16 shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*,
17 That no fewer than 148 full-time equivalent positions shall
18 be employed during fiscal year 2026 for purposes dedi-
19 cated solely to inspections and enforcement related to the
20 Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (7 U.S.C. 1901 et
21 seq.): *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be
22 available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alter-
23 ation and repair of buildings and improvements, but the
24 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year

- 1 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement
- 2 value of the building.

1 TITLE II
2 FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION
3 PROGRAMS

4 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FARM
5 PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION

6 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
7 Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation,
8 \$1,527,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
9 Act to an agency in the Farm Production and Conserva-
10 tion mission area for salaries and expenses are available
11 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-
12 fice.

13 FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION BUSINESS
14 CENTER

15 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
16 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

17 For necessary expenses of the Farm Production and
18 Conservation Business Center, \$210,000,000, of which
19 \$1,000,000 shall be for the implementation of section 773
20 of Public Law 117–328: *Provided*, That \$70,740,000 of
21 amounts appropriated for the current fiscal year pursuant
22 to section 1241(a) of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
23 ment Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841(a)) shall be transferred
24 to and merged with this account.

1 FARM SERVICE AGENCY

2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 For necessary expenses of the Farm Service Agency,
5 \$1,100,000,000, of which not less than \$15,000,000 shall
6 be for the hiring of new employees to fill vacancies and
7 anticipated vacancies at Farm Service Agency county of-
8 fices and farm loan officers and shall be available until
9 September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That the agency shall sub-
10 mit a report by the end of the fourth quarter of fiscal
11 year 2026 to the Committees on Appropriations of both
12 Houses of Congress that identifies for each project/invest-
13 ment that is operational (a) current performance against
14 key indicators of customer satisfaction, (b) current per-
15 formance of service level agreements or other technical
16 metrics, (c) current performance against a pre-established
17 cost baseline, (d) a detailed breakdown of current and
18 planned spending on operational enhancements or up-
19 grades, and (e) an assessment of whether the investment
20 continues to meet business needs as intended as well as
21 alternatives to the investment: *Provided further*, That the
22 Secretary is authorized to use the services, facilities, and
23 authorities (but not the funds) of the Commodity Credit
24 Corporation to make program payments for all programs
25 administered by the Agency: *Provided further*, That other

1 funds made available to the Agency for authorized activi-
 2 ties may be advanced to and merged with this account:
 3 *Provided further*, That of the amount appropriated under
 4 this heading, \$696,594,000 shall be made available to
 5 county offices, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
 6 *vided further*, That, notwithstanding the preceding pro-
 7 viso, any funds made available to county offices in the cur-
 8 rent fiscal year that the Administrator of the Farm Serv-
 9 ice Agency deems to exceed or not meet the amount need-
 10 ed for the county offices may be transferred to or from
 11 the Farm Service Agency for necessary expenses: *Provided*
 12 *further*, That none of the funds available in this or any
 13 other Act shall be used to close Farm Service Agency
 14 county offices: *Provided further*, That none of the funds
 15 available in this or any other Act shall be used to perma-
 16 nently relocate county based employees that would result
 17 in an office with two or fewer employees without prior no-
 18 tification and approval of the Committees on Appropria-
 19 tions of both Houses of Congress.

20 STATE MEDIATION GRANTS

21 For grants pursuant to section 502(b) of the Agricul-
 22 tural Credit Act of 1987, as amended (7 U.S.C. 5101–
 23 5106), \$6,500,000: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Agri-
 24 culture may determine that United States territories and

1 Federally recognized Indian tribes are “States” for the
 2 purposes of Subtitle A of such Act.

3 GRASSROOTS SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

4 For necessary expenses to carry out wellhead or
 5 groundwater protection activities under section 1240O of
 6 the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839bb–2),
 7 \$8,000,000, to remain available until expended.

8 DAIRY INDEMNITY PROGRAM

9 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

10 For necessary expenses involved in making indemnity
 11 payments to dairy farmers and manufacturers of dairy
 12 products under a dairy indemnity program, such sums as
 13 may be necessary, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
 14 *vided*, That such program is carried out by the Secretary
 15 in the same manner as the dairy indemnity program de-
 16 scribed in the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and
 17 Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropria-
 18 tions Act, 2001 (Public Law 106–387, 114 Stat. 1549A–
 19 12).

20 AGRICULTURAL CREDIT INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM

21 ACCOUNT

22 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

23 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
 24 rect and guaranteed farm ownership (7 U.S.C. 1922 et
 25 seq.) and operating (7 U.S.C. 1941 et seq.) loans, emer-

1 gency loans (7 U.S.C. 1961 et seq.), Indian tribe land ac-
 2 quisition loans (25 U.S.C. 5136), boll weevil loans (7
 3 U.S.C. 1989), direct conservation loans (7 U.S.C. 1924
 4 et seq.), and relending program (7 U.S.C. 1936c) to be
 5 available from funds in the Agricultural Credit Insurance
 6 Fund, as follows: \$3,500,000,000 for guaranteed farm
 7 ownership loans and \$1,966,970,000 for farm ownership
 8 direct loans; \$2,118,491,000 for unsubsidized guaranteed
 9 operating loans and \$1,100,000,000 for direct operating
 10 loans; emergency loans, \$37,000,000; Indian tribe land ac-
 11 quisition loans, \$20,000,000; direct conservation loans,
 12 \$300,000,000; relending program, \$7,705,000; and for
 13 boll weevil eradication program loans, \$5,000,000: *Pro-*
 14 *vided*, That the Secretary shall deem the pink bollworm
 15 to be a boll weevil for the purpose of boll weevil eradication
 16 program loans.

17 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans and
 18 grants, including the cost of modifying loans as defined
 19 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
 20 as follows: \$2,572,000 for emergency loans, to remain
 21 available until expended; and \$24,981,000 for direct farm
 22 ownership loans, \$2,661,000 for the relending program,
 23 and \$18,000 for boll weevil eradication program loans.

24 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
 25 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,

1 \$326,053,000: *Provided*, That of this amount,
2 \$305,803,000 shall be transferred to and merged with the
3 appropriation for “Farm Service Agency, Salaries and Ex-
4 penses”.

5 Funds appropriated by this Act to the Agricultural
6 Credit Insurance Program Account for farm ownership,
7 operating, conservation, and emergency direct loans and
8 loan guarantees may be transferred among these pro-
9 grams: *Provided*, That the Committees on Appropriations
10 of both Houses of Congress are notified at least 15 days
11 in advance of any transfer.

12 RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

13 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

14 For necessary expenses of the Risk Management
15 Agency, \$60,000,000: *Provided*, That \$1,000,000 of the
16 amount appropriated under this heading in this Act shall
17 be available for compliance and integrity activities re-
18 quired under section 516(b)(2)(C) of the Federal Crop In-
19 surance Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1516(b)(2)(C)), and shall
20 be in addition to amounts otherwise provided for such pur-
21 pose: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$1,000 shall
22 be available for official reception and representation ex-
23 penses, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1506(i).

1 NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

2 CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

3 For necessary expenses for carrying out the provi-
4 sions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f),
5 including preparation of conservation plans and establish-
6 ment of measures to conserve soil and water (including
7 farm irrigation and land drainage and such special meas-
8 ures for soil and water management as may be necessary
9 to prevent floods and the siltation of reservoirs and to con-
10 trol agricultural related pollutants); operation of conserva-
11 tion plant materials centers; classification and mapping of
12 soil; dissemination of information; acquisition of lands,
13 water, and interests therein for use in the plant materials
14 program by donation, exchange, or purchase at a nominal
15 cost not to exceed \$100 pursuant to the Act of August
16 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 2268a); purchase and erection or alter-
17 ation or improvement of permanent and temporary build-
18 ings; and operation and maintenance of aircraft,
19 \$850,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
20 2027, of which \$34,625,000 shall be for the purposes, and
21 in the amounts, specified for this account in the table ti-
22 tled “Community Project Funding” in the report accom-
23 panying this Act: *Provided*, That appropriations hereunder
24 shall be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250 for construc-
25 tion and improvement of buildings and public improve-

1 ments at plant materials centers, except that the cost of
 2 alterations and improvements to other buildings and other
 3 public improvements shall not exceed \$250,000: *Provided*
 4 *further*, That when buildings or other structures are erect-
 5 ed on non-Federal land, that the right to use such land
 6 is obtained as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2250a: *Provided fur-*
 7 *ther*, That of the total amount available under this head-
 8 ing, \$4,000,000 shall be for necessary expenses to carry
 9 out the Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Pro-
 10 gram under section 222 of subtitle A of title II of the
 11 Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7
 12 U.S.C. 6923), as amended by section 12302 of Public Law
 13 115–334: *Provided further*, That for grants provided
 14 through the Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production
 15 Program, grant recipients shall be subject to a fifty per-
 16 cent cost-share requirement.

17 WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

18 For necessary expenses to carry out preventive meas-
 19 ures, including but not limited to surveys and investiga-
 20 tions, engineering operations, works of improvement, and
 21 changes in use of land, in accordance with the Watershed
 22 Protection and Flood Prevention Act (16 U.S.C. 1001–
 23 1005 and 1007–1009) and in accordance with the provi-
 24 sions of laws relating to the activities of the Department,
 25 \$35,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*

1 *vided*, That for funds provided by this Act or any other
2 prior Act, the limitation regarding the size of the water-
3 shed or subwatershed exceeding two hundred and fifty
4 thousand acres in which such activities can be undertaken
5 shall only apply for activities undertaken for the primary
6 purpose of flood prevention (including structural and land
7 treatment measures).

8 WATERSHED REHABILITATION PROGRAM

9 Under the authorities of section 14 of the Watershed
10 Protection and Flood Prevention Act, \$7,000,000 is pro-
11 vided.

12 CORPORATIONS

13 The following corporations and agencies are hereby
14 authorized to make expenditures, within the limits of
15 funds and borrowing authority available to each such cor-
16 poration or agency and in accord with law, and to make
17 contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year
18 limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government
19 Corporation Control Act as may be necessary in carrying
20 out the programs set forth in the budget for the current
21 fiscal year for such corporation or agency, except as here-
22 inafter provided.

1 FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION FUND

2 For payments as authorized by section 516 of the
3 Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1516), such sums
4 as may be necessary, to remain available until expended.

5 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUND

6 REIMBURSEMENT FOR NET REALIZED LOSSES

7 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

8 For the current fiscal year, such sums as may be nec-
9 essary to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for
10 net realized losses sustained, but not previously reim-
11 bursed, pursuant to section 2 of the Act of August 17,
12 1961 (15 U.S.C. 713a–11): *Provided*, That of the funds
13 available to the Commodity Credit Corporation under sec-
14 tion 11 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act
15 (15 U.S.C. 714i) for the conduct of its business with the
16 Foreign Agricultural Service, up to \$5,000,000 may be
17 transferred to and used by the Foreign Agricultural Serv-
18 ice for information resource management activities of the
19 Foreign Agricultural Service that are not related to Com-
20 modity Credit Corporation business: *Provided further*,
21 That the Secretary shall notify the Committees on Appro-
22 priations of the House and Senate in writing 15 days prior
23 to the obligation, commitment, transfer, or cancelation of
24 any emergency funds from the Commodity Credit Cor-
25 poration: *Provided further*, That such written notification

1 shall include a detailed spend plan for the anticipated uses
2 of such funds and an expected timeline for program execu-
3 tion if such obligation, commitment, transfer, or
4 cancelation exceeds \$100,000,000.

5 HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

6 (LIMITATION ON EXPENSES)

7 For the current fiscal year, the Commodity Credit
8 Corporation shall not expend more than \$15,000,000 for
9 site investigation and cleanup expenses, and operations
10 and maintenance expenses to comply with the requirement
11 of section 107(g) of the Comprehensive Environmental
12 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.
13 9607(g)), and section 6001 of the Solid Waste Disposal
14 Act (42 U.S.C. 6961).

1 TITLE III
2 RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
3 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RURAL
4 DEVELOPMENT

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
6 Secretary for Rural Development, \$1,620,000: *Provided*,
7 That funds made available by this Act to an agency in
8 the Rural Development mission area for salaries and ex-
9 penses are available to fund up to one administrative sup-
10 port staff for the Office.

11 RURAL DEVELOPMENT
12 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
13 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

14 For necessary expenses for carrying out the adminis-
15 tration and implementation of Rural Development pro-
16 grams, including activities with institutions concerning the
17 development and operation of agricultural cooperatives;
18 and for cooperative agreements; \$305,000,000: *Provided*,
19 That of the amount made available under this heading,
20 no less than \$50,000,000, to remain available until ex-
21 pended, shall be used for information technology expenses:
22 *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provi-
23 sion of law, funds appropriated under this heading may
24 be used for advertising and promotional activities that
25 support Rural Development programs: *Provided further*,

1 That in addition to any other funds appropriated for pur-
 2 poses authorized by section 502(i) of the Housing Act of
 3 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472(i)), any amounts collected under
 4 such section, as amended by this Act, will immediately be
 5 credited to this account and will remain available until ex-
 6 pended for such purposes: *Provided further*, That of the
 7 amount made available under this heading, \$2,000,000,
 8 to remain available until expended, shall be for the Sec-
 9 retary of Agriculture to carry out a pilot program that
 10 assists rural hospitals to improve longterm operations and
 11 financial health, including strategies to expand and sus-
 12 tain access to maternal health care services, by providing
 13 technical assistance through analysis of current hospital
 14 management practices.

15 RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

16 RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

17 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

18 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
 19 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by title V of the
 20 Housing Act of 1949, to be available from funds in the
 21 rural housing insurance fund, as follows: \$880,000,000
 22 shall be for section 502 direct loans; \$6,000,000 shall be
 23 for a Single Family Housing Relending demonstration
 24 program for Native American Tribes; and
 25 \$25,000,000,000, which shall remain available until Sep-

1 tember 30, 2027, shall be for section 502 unsubsidized
2 guaranteed loans; \$25,000,000 for section 504 housing re-
3 pair loans; \$60,000,000 for section 515 rental housing;
4 \$400,000,000 for section 538 guaranteed multi-family
5 housing loans; \$10,000,000 for credit sales of single fam-
6 ily housing acquired property; \$5,000,000 for section 523
7 self-help housing land development loans; and \$5,000,000
8 for section 524 site development loans.

9 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, including
10 the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section 502 of
11 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows: section
12 502 loans, \$84,480,000 shall be for direct loans; Single
13 Family Housing Relending demonstration program for
14 Native American Tribes, \$2,963,000; section 504 housing
15 repair loans, \$4,333,000; section 523 self-help housing
16 land development loans, \$862,000; section 524 site devel-
17 opment loans, \$491,000; and repair, rehabilitation, and
18 new construction of section 515 rental housing,
19 \$18,156,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
20 *vided*, That to support the loan program level for section
21 538 guaranteed loans made available under this heading
22 the Secretary may charge or adjust any fees to cover the
23 projected cost of such loan guarantees pursuant to the
24 provisions of the Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C.
25 661 et seq.), and the interest on such loans may not be

1 subsidized: *Provided further*, That applicants in commu-
2 nities that have a current rural area waiver under section
3 541 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490q) shall
4 be treated as living in a rural area for purposes of section
5 502 guaranteed loans provided under this heading: *Pro-*
6 *vided further*, That of the amounts available under this
7 paragraph for section 502 direct loans, no less than
8 \$5,000,000 shall be available for direct loans for individ-
9 uals whose homes will be built pursuant to a program
10 funded with a mutual and self-help housing grant author-
11 ized by section 523 of the Housing Act of 1949 until June
12 1, 2026: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall imple-
13 ment provisions to provide incentives to nonprofit organi-
14 zations and public housing authorities to facilitate the ac-
15 quisition of Rural Housing Service (RHS) multifamily
16 housing properties by such nonprofit organizations and
17 public housing authorities that commit to keep such prop-
18 erties in the RHS multifamily housing program for a pe-
19 riod of time as determined by the Secretary, with such
20 incentives to include, but not be limited to, the following:
21 allow such nonprofit entities and public housing authori-
22 ties to earn a Return on Investment on their own re-
23 sources to include proceeds from low income housing tax
24 credit syndication, own contributions, grants, and devel-
25 oper loans at favorable rates and terms, invested in a deal;

1 and allow reimbursement of organizational costs associ-
2 ated with owner's oversight of asset referred to as "Asset
3 Management Fee" of up to \$7,500 per property.

4 In addition, for the cost of direct loans and grants,
5 including the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section
6 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
7 \$30,000,000, to remain available until expended, for a
8 demonstration program for the preservation and revital-
9 ization of the sections 514, 515, and 516 multi-family
10 rental housing properties to restructure existing USDA
11 multi-family housing loans, as the Secretary deems appro-
12 priate, expressly for the purposes of ensuring the project
13 has sufficient resources to preserve the project for the pur-
14 pose of providing safe and affordable housing for low-in-
15 come residents and farm laborers including reducing or
16 eliminating interest; deferring loan payments, subordi-
17 nating, reducing or re-amortizing loan debt; and other fi-
18 nancial assistance including advances, payments and in-
19 centives (including the ability of owners to obtain reason-
20 able returns on investment) required by the Secretary:
21 *Provided*, That the Secretary shall, as part of the preser-
22 vation and revitalization agreement, obtain a restrictive
23 use agreement consistent with the terms of the restruc-
24 turing.

1 In addition, for the cost of direct loans, grants, and
2 contracts, as authorized by sections 514 and 516 of the
3 Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1486),
4 \$12,261,000, to remain available until expended for direct
5 farm labor housing loans and domestic farm labor housing
6 grants and contracts.

7 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
8 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
9 \$412,254,000 shall be paid to the appropriation for
10 “Rural Development, Salaries and Expenses”.

11 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

12 For rental assistance agreements entered into or re-
13 newed pursuant to the authority under section 521(a)(2)
14 of the Housing Act of 1949 or agreements entered into
15 in lieu of debt forgiveness or payments for eligible house-
16 holds as authorized by section 502(c)(5)(D) of the Hous-
17 ing Act of 1949, \$1,715,000,000, and in addition such
18 sums as may be necessary, as authorized by section 521(c)
19 of the Act, to liquidate debt incurred prior to fiscal year
20 1992 to carry out the rental assistance program under sec-
21 tion 521(a)(2) of the Act: *Provided*, That amounts made
22 available under this heading shall be available for renewal
23 of rental assistance agreements for a maximum of 1,000
24 units where the Secretary determines that a maturing loan
25 for a project cannot reasonably be restructured with an-

1 other USDA loan or modification and the project was op-
2 erating with rental assistance under section 521 of the
3 Housing Act of 1949: *Provided further*, That the Secretary
4 may enter into rental assistance contracts in maturing
5 properties with existing rental assistance agreements not-
6 withstanding any provision of section 521 of the Housing
7 Act of 1949, for a term of at least 10 years but not more
8 than 20 years: *Provided further*, That any agreement to
9 enter into a rental assistance contract under section 521
10 of the Housing Act of 1949 for a maturing property shall
11 obligate the owner to continue to maintain the project as
12 decent, safe, and sanitary housing and to operate the de-
13 velopment in accordance with the Housing Act of 1949,
14 except that rents shall be based on current Fair Market
15 Rents as established by the Department of Housing and
16 Urban Development pursuant to 24 CFR 888 Subpart A,
17 42 U.S.C. 1437f and 3535d, to determine the maximum
18 initial rent and adjusted annually by the Operating Cost
19 Adjustment Factor pursuant to 24 CFR 888 Subpart B,
20 unless the Agency determines that the project's budget-
21 based needs require a higher rent, in which case the Agen-
22 cy may approve a budget-based rent level: *Provided fur-*
23 *ther*, That rental assistance agreements entered into or re-
24 newed during the current fiscal year shall be funded for
25 a one year period: *Provided further*, That upon request by

1 an owner under section 514 or 515 of the Act, the Sec-
2 retary may renew the rental assistance agreement for a
3 period of 20 years or until the term of such loan has ex-
4 pired, subject to annual appropriations: *Provided further*,
5 That any unexpended balances remaining at the end of
6 such one-year agreements may be transferred and used
7 for purposes of any debt reduction, maintenance, repair,
8 or rehabilitation of any existing projects; preservation; and
9 rental assistance activities authorized under title V of the
10 Act: *Provided further*, That rental assistance provided
11 under agreements entered into prior to fiscal year 2026
12 for a farm labor multi-family housing project financed
13 under section 514 or 516 of the Act may not be recaptured
14 for use in another project until such assistance has re-
15 mained unused for a period of twelve consecutive months,
16 if such project has a waiting list of tenants seeking such
17 assistance or the project has rental assistance eligible ten-
18 ants who are not receiving such assistance: *Provided fur-*
19 *ther*, That such recaptured rental assistance shall, to the
20 extent practicable, be applied to another farm labor multi-
21 family housing project financed under section 514 or 516
22 of the Act: *Provided further*, That except as provided in
23 the eighth proviso under this heading and notwithstanding
24 any other provision of the Act, the Secretary may recap-
25 ture rental assistance provided under agreements entered

1 into prior to fiscal year 2026 for a project that the Sec-
2 retary determines no longer needs rental assistance and
3 use such recaptured funds for current needs.

4 RURAL HOUSING VOUCHER ACCOUNT

5 For the rural housing voucher program as authorized
6 under section 542 of the Housing Act of 1949, but not-
7 withstanding subsection (b) of such section, \$48,000,000,
8 to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the
9 funds made available under this heading shall be available
10 for rural housing vouchers to any low-income household
11 (including those not receiving rental assistance) residing
12 in a property financed with a section 515 loan which has
13 been prepaid or otherwise paid off after September 30,
14 2005 and is not receiving stand-alone section 521 rental
15 assistance: *Provided further*, That the amount of such
16 voucher shall be the difference between comparable market
17 rent for the section 515 unit and the tenant paid rent for
18 such unit: *Provided further*, That funds made available for
19 such vouchers shall be subject to the availability of annual
20 appropriations: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall,
21 to the maximum extent practicable, administer such
22 vouchers with current regulations and administrative guid-
23 ance applicable to section 8 housing vouchers administered
24 by the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban
25 Development: *Provided further*, That in addition to any

1 other available funds, the Secretary may expend not more
2 than \$1,000,000 total, from the program funds made
3 available under this heading, for administrative expenses
4 for activities funded under this heading.

5 MUTUAL AND SELF-HELP HOUSING GRANTS

6 For grants and contracts pursuant to section
7 523(b)(1)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.
8 1490c), \$20,000,000, to remain available until expended.

9 RURAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS

10 For grants for very low-income housing repair and
11 rural housing preservation made by the Rural Housing
12 Service, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 1474, and 1490m,
13 \$20,000,000, to remain available until expended.

14 RURAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM ACCOUNT

15 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

16 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
17 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by section 306
18 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the Consolidated
19 Farm and Rural Development Act, \$1,000,000,000 for di-
20 rect loans and \$650,000,000 for guaranteed loans.

21 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and
22 grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined
23 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
24 for rural community facilities programs as authorized by
25 section 306 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the

1 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act,
2 \$481,323,000, to remain available until expended, of
3 which up to \$467,323,407 shall be for the purposes, and
4 in the amounts, specified for this account in the table ti-
5 tled “Community Project Funding” in the report accom-
6 panying this Act: *Provided*, That \$6,000,000 of the
7 amount appropriated under this heading shall be available
8 for a Rural Community Development Initiative: *Provided*
9 *further*, That such funds shall be used solely to develop
10 the capacity and ability of private, nonprofit community-
11 based housing and community development organizations,
12 low-income rural communities, and Federally Recognized
13 Native American Tribes to undertake projects to improve
14 housing, community facilities, community and economic
15 development projects in rural areas: *Provided further*,
16 That such funds shall be made available to qualified pri-
17 vate, nonprofit and public intermediary organizations pro-
18 posing to carry out a program of financial and technical
19 assistance: *Provided further*, That such intermediary orga-
20 nizations shall provide matching funds from other sources,
21 including Federal funds for related activities, in an
22 amount not less than funds provided: *Provided further*,
23 That any unobligated balances from prior year appropria-
24 tions under this heading for the cost of direct loans, loan
25 guarantees and grants, including amounts deobligated or

1 cancelled, may be made available to cover the subsidy costs
2 for direct loans and or loan guarantees under this heading
3 in this fiscal year: *Provided further*, That no amounts may
4 be made available pursuant to the preceding proviso from
5 amounts that were designated by the Congress as an
6 emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolu-
7 tion on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-
8 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985, or that were specified
9 in the tables titled “Community Project Funding/Congres-
10 sionally Directed Spending” in the explanatory statements
11 for division A of Public Law 117–103, division A of Public
12 Law 117–328, and division B of Public Law 118–42, as
13 described in section 4 in the matter preceding each such
14 division: *Provided further*, That \$8,000,000 of the amount
15 appropriated under this heading shall be available for com-
16 munity facilities grants to tribal colleges, as authorized by
17 section 306(a)(19) of such Act: *Provided further*, That sec-
18 tions 381E–H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and
19 Rural Development Act are not applicable to the funds
20 made available under this heading: *Provided further*, That
21 in addition to any other available funds, the Secretary may
22 expend not more than \$1,000,000 total, from the program
23 funds made available under this heading, for administra-
24 tive expenses for activities funded under this heading.

1 RURAL BUSINESS—COOPERATIVE SERVICE

2 RURAL BUSINESS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

3 For gross obligations for the principal amount of
4 guaranteed loans as authorized by section 310B of the
5 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
6 1932(g)), \$2,000,000,000.

7 For the cost of loan guarantees and grants, for the
8 rural business development programs authorized by sec-
9 tion 310B and described in subsections (a), (c), (f) and
10 (g) of section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
11 Development Act, \$57,200,000, to remain available until
12 expended: *Provided*, That of the amount appropriated
13 under this heading, \$4,000,000 shall be for grants to the
14 Delta Regional Authority (7 U.S.C. 2009aa et seq.), the
15 Northern Border Regional Commission (40 U.S.C. 15101
16 et seq.), the Southwest Border Regional Commission (40
17 U.S.C. 15301 et seq.), and the Appalachian Regional
18 Commission (40 U.S.C. 14101 et seq.) for any Rural Com-
19 munity Advancement Program purpose as described in
20 section 381E(d) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-
21 velopment Act: *Provided further*, That of the amount ap-
22 propriated under this heading, no less than \$100,000 shall
23 be made available for one or more qualified state tech-
24 nology council to promote private-sector economic develop-
25 ment in the bio-sciences: *Provided further*, That

1 \$4,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-
 2 ing shall be for business grants to benefit Federally Recog-
 3 nized Native American Tribes, including \$250,000 for a
 4 grant to a qualified national organization to provide tech-
 5 nical assistance for rural transportation in order to pro-
 6 mote economic development: *Provided further*, That sec-
 7 tions 381E–H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and
 8 Rural Development Act are not applicable to funds made
 9 available under this heading.

10 INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM FUND ACCOUNT

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

12 For the principal amount of direct loans, as author-
 13 ized by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Ac-
 14 count (7 U.S.C. 1936b), \$9,000,000.

15 For the cost of direct loans, \$3,065,000, as author-
 16 ized by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Ac-
 17 count (7 U.S.C. 1936b), of which \$573,000 shall be avail-
 18 able through June 30, 2026, for Federally Recognized Na-
 19 tive American Tribes; and of which \$1,147,000 shall be
 20 available through June 30, 2026, for Mississippi Delta Re-
 21 gion counties (as determined in accordance with Public
 22 Law 100–460): *Provided*, That such costs, including the
 23 cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section
 24 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

7 For the principal amount of direct loans, as author-
8 ized under section 313B(a) of the Rural Electrification
9 Act, for the purpose of promoting rural economic develop-
10 ment and job creation projects, \$50,000,000.

11 The cost of grants authorized under section 313B(a)
12 of the Rural Electrification Act, for the purpose of pro-
13 moting rural economic development and job creation
14 projects shall not exceed \$10,000,000.

16 For rural cooperative development grants authorized
17 under section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and
18 Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932), \$16,600,000, of
19 which \$2,800,000 shall be for cooperative agreements for
20 the appropriate technology transfer for rural areas pro-
21 gram: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$3,000,000 shall be
22 for grants for cooperative development centers, individual
23 cooperatives, or groups of cooperatives that serve socially
24 disadvantaged groups and a majority of the boards of di-
25 rectors or governing boards of which are comprised of in-

1 individuals who are members of socially disadvantaged
2 groups; and of which \$5,000,000, to remain available until
3 expended, shall be for value-added agricultural product
4 market development grants, as authorized by section 210A
5 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, of which
6 \$1,500,000, to remain available until expended, shall be
7 for Agriculture Innovation Centers authorized pursuant to
8 section 6402 of Public Law 107–171.

9 RURAL MICROENTREPRENEUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

10 For the principal amount of direct loans as author-
11 ized by section 379E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
12 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2008s), \$15,000,000.

13 For the cost of loans and grants, \$3,269,000 under
14 the same terms and conditions as authorized by section
15 379E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development
16 Act (7 U.S.C. 2008s).

17 RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM

18 For the principal amount of loan guarantees, under
19 the same terms and conditions as authorized by section
20 9007 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of
21 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107), \$50,000,000.

RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE

RURAL WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For gross obligations for the principal amount of direct and guaranteed loans as authorized by section 306 and described in section 381E(d)(2) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as follows: \$860,000,000 for direct loans; and \$50,000,000 for guaranteed loans.

For the direct cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, for rural water, waste water, waste disposal, and solid waste management programs authorized by sections 306, 306A, 306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B and described in sections 306C(a)(2), 306D, 306E, and 381E(d)(2) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, \$346,040,000, to remain available until expended, of which up to \$109,103,564 shall be for the purposes, and in the amounts, specified for this account in the table titled “Community Project Funding” in the report accompanying this Act, of which not to exceed \$1,000,000 shall be available for the rural utilities program described in section 306(a)(2)(B) of such Act: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$4,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this

1 heading shall be available for the rural utilities program
2 described in section 306E of such Act: *Provided further*,
3 That not to exceed \$9,000,000 of the amount appro-
4 priated under this heading shall be for grants authorized
5 by section 306A(i)(2) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
6 Development Act in addition to funding authorized by sec-
7 tion 306A(i)(1) of such Act: *Provided further*, That
8 \$20,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-
9 ing shall be for loans and grants including water and
10 waste disposal systems grants authorized by section
11 306C(a)(2)(B) and section 306D of the Consolidated
12 Farm and Rural Development Act, and Federally Recog-
13 nized Native American Tribes authorized by 306C(a)(1)
14 of such Act, and the Department of Hawaiian Home
15 Lands (of the State of Hawaii): *Provided further*, That
16 funding provided for section 306D of the Consolidated
17 Farm and Rural Development Act may be provided to a
18 consortium formed pursuant to section 325 of Public Law
19 105–83: *Provided further*, That not more than 2 percent
20 of the funding provided for section 306D of the Consoli-
21 dated Farm and Rural Development Act may be used by
22 the State of Alaska for training and technical assistance
23 programs and not more than 2 percent of the funding pro-
24 vided for section 306D of the Consolidated Farm and
25 Rural Development Act may be used by a consortium

1 formed pursuant to section 325 of Public Law 105–83 for
2 training and technical assistance programs: *Provided fur-*
3 *ther*, That \$35,000,000 of the amount appropriated under
4 this heading shall be for technical assistance grants for
5 rural water and waste systems pursuant to section
6 306(a)(14) of such Act, unless the Secretary makes a de-
7 termination of extreme need, of which \$10,000,000 shall
8 be made available for a grant to a qualified nonprofit
9 multi-State regional technical assistance organization,
10 with experience in working with small communities on
11 water and waste water problems, the principal purpose of
12 such grant shall be to assist rural communities with popu-
13 lations of 3,300 or less, in improving the planning, financ-
14 ing, development, operation, and management of water
15 and waste water systems, and of which not less than
16 \$800,000 shall be for a qualified national Native American
17 organization to provide technical assistance for rural water
18 systems for tribal communities: *Provided further*, That not
19 to exceed \$23,000,000 of the amount appropriated under
20 this heading shall be for contracting with qualified na-
21 tional organizations for a circuit rider program to provide
22 technical assistance for rural water systems: *Provided fur-*
23 *ther*, That not to exceed \$4,000,000 of the amounts made
24 available under this heading shall be for solid waste man-
25 agement grants: *Provided further*, That not to exceed

1 \$3,130,000 of the amounts appropriated under this head-
 2 ing shall be available as the Secretary deems appropriate
 3 for water and waste direct one percent loans for distressed
 4 communities: *Provided further*, That if the Secretary de-
 5 termines that any portion of the amount made available
 6 for one percent loans is not needed for such loans, the
 7 Secretary may use such amounts for grants authorized by
 8 section 306(a)(2) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-
 9 velopment Act: *Provided further*, That if any funds made
 10 available for the direct loan subsidy costs remain unobli-
 11 gated after July 31, 2026, such unobligated balances may
 12 be used for grant programs funded under this heading.

13 RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

14 LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

15 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

16 The principal amount of loans and loan guarantees
 17 as authorized by sections 4, 305, 306, 313A, and 317 of
 18 the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 904, 935,
 19 936, 940c-1, and 940g) shall be made as follows: guaran-
 20 teed rural electric loans made pursuant to section 306 of
 21 that Act, \$2,167,000,000; cost of money direct loans made
 22 pursuant to sections 4, notwithstanding the one-eighth of
 23 one percent in 4(c)(2), and 317, notwithstanding 317(c),
 24 of that Act, \$4,333,000,000; guaranteed underwriting
 25 loans pursuant to section 313A of that Act, \$910,000,000;

1 and for cost-of-money rural telecommunications loans
2 made pursuant to section 305(d)(2) of that Act, and for
3 loans made pursuant to Section 306 of that Act,
4 \$550,000,000.

5 For the cost of direct loans as authorized by section
6 305(d)(2) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7
7 U.S.C. 935(d)(2)), including the cost of modifying loans,
8 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
9 of 1974, cost of money rural telecommunications loans,
10 \$5,720,000.

11 In addition, \$5,040,000, to remain available until ex-
12 pended, to carry out section 6407 of the Farm Security
13 and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107a): *Pro-*
14 *vided*, That the energy efficiency measures supported by
15 the funding in this paragraph shall contribute in a demon-
16 strable way to the reduction of greenhouse gases.

17 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
18 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
19 \$33,270,000, which shall be paid to the appropriation for
20 “Rural Development, Salaries and Expenses”.

21 DISTANCE LEARNING, TELEMEDICINE, AND BROADBAND
22 PROGRAM

23 For grants for telemedicine and distance learning
24 services in rural areas, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 950aaa
25 et seq., \$30,157,000, to remain available until expended,

1 of which up to \$10,157,029 shall be for the purposes, and
2 in the amounts, specified for this account in the table ti-
3 tled “Community Project Funding” in the report accom-
4 panying this Act: *Provided*, That \$3,000,000 shall be
5 made available for grants authorized by section 379G of
6 the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act: *Pro-*
7 *vided further*, That funding provided under this heading
8 for grants under section 379G of the Consolidated Farm
9 and Rural Development Act may only be provided to enti-
10 ties that meet all of the eligibility criteria for a consortium
11 as established by this section.

12 For the cost to continue a broadband loan and grant
13 pilot program established by section 779 of division A of
14 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law
15 115–141) under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as
16 amended (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), \$90,750,000, to remain
17 available until expended, of which up to \$750,000 shall
18 be for the purposes, and in the amounts, specified for this
19 account in the table titled “Community Project Funding”
20 in the report accompanying this Act: *Provided*, That the
21 Secretary may award grants described in section 601(a)
22 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7
23 U.S.C. 950bb(a)) for the purposes of carrying out such
24 pilot program: *Provided further*, That the cost of direct
25 loans shall be defined in section 502 of the Congressional

1 Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That at least 90
2 percent of the households to be served by a project receiv-
3 ing a loan or grant under the pilot program shall be in
4 a rural area without sufficient access to broadband: *Pro-*
5 *vided further*, That for purposes of such pilot program,
6 a rural area without sufficient access to broadband shall
7 be defined as twenty-five megabits per second downstream
8 and three megabits per second upstream: *Provided further*,
9 That to the extent possible, projects receiving funds pro-
10 vided under the pilot program must build out service to
11 at least one hundred megabits per second downstream,
12 and twenty megabits per second upstream: *Provided fur-*
13 *ther*, That an entity to which a loan or grant is made
14 under the pilot program shall not use the loan or grant
15 to overbuild or duplicate broadband service in a service
16 area by any entity that has received a broadband loan
17 from the Rural Utilities Service unless such service is not
18 provided sufficient access to broadband at the minimum
19 service threshold: *Provided further*, That not more than
20 four percent of the funds made available in this paragraph
21 can be used for administrative costs to carry out the pilot
22 program and up to three percent of funds made available
23 in this paragraph may be available for technical assistance
24 and pre-development planning activities to support the
25 most rural communities: *Provided further*, That the Rural

1 Utilities Service is directed to expedite program delivery
2 methods that would implement this paragraph: *Provided*
3 *further*, That for purposes of this paragraph, the Secretary
4 shall adhere to the notice, reporting and service area as-
5 sessment requirements set forth in section 701 of the
6 Rural Electrification Act (7 U.S.C. 950cc).

7 In addition, \$15,000,000, to remain available until
8 expended, for the Community Connect Grant Program au-
9 thorized by 7 U.S.C. 950bb–3.

1 TITLE IV
2 DOMESTIC FOOD PROGRAMS
3 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD,
4 NUTRITION, AND CONSUMER SERVICES

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
6 Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services,
7 \$1,127,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
8 Act to an agency in the Food, Nutrition and Consumer
9 Services mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-
10 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for
11 the Office.

12 FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE
13 CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS
14 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

15 For necessary expenses to carry out the Richard B.
16 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et
17 seq.), except section 21, and the Child Nutrition Act of
18 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.), except sections 17 and
19 21; \$35,784,402,000, to remain available through Sep-
20 tember 30, 2027, of which such sums as are made avail-
21 able under section 14222(b)(1) of the Food, Conservation,
22 and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–246), as
23 amended by this Act, shall be merged with and available
24 for the same time period and purposes as provided herein:
25 *Provided*, That of the total amount available, \$18,004,000

1 shall be available to carry out section 19 of the Child Nu-
2 trition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.): *Provided*
3 *further*, That of the total amount available, \$21,005,000
4 shall be available to carry out studies and evaluations and
5 shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*,
6 That of the total amount available, \$5,000,000 shall re-
7 main available until expended to carry out section 18(g)
8 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
9 U.S.C. 1769(g)): *Provided further*, That notwithstanding
10 section 18(g)(3)(C) of the Richard B. Russell National
11 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769(g)(3)(c)), the total
12 grant amount provided to a farm to school grant recipient
13 in fiscal year 2026 shall not exceed \$500,000: *Provided*
14 *further*, That of the total amount available, \$10,000,000
15 shall be available to provide competitive grants to State
16 agencies for subgrants to local educational agencies and
17 schools to purchase the equipment, with a value of greater
18 than \$1,000, needed to serve healthier meals, improve food
19 safety, and to help support the establishment, mainte-
20 nance, or expansion of the school breakfast program: *Pro-*
21 *vided further*, That of the total amount available,
22 \$4,196,000 shall be available for food safety education in-
23 cluding activities that support sections 17 and 21 of the
24 Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786, 1790) and
25 to support the safe distribution of USDA Foods, as de-

1 fined in 7 CFR 250.2: *Provided further*, That section
 2 26(d) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch
 3 Act (42 U.S.C. 1769g(d)) is amended in the first sentence
 4 by striking “2010 through 2025” and inserting “2010
 5 through 2026”: *Provided further*, That section 9(h)(3) of
 6 the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
 7 U.S.C. 1758(h)(3)) is amended in the first sentence by
 8 striking “For fiscal year 2024” and inserting “For fiscal
 9 year 2026”: *Provided further*, That section 9(h)(4) of the
 10 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.
 11 1758(h)(4)) is amended in the first sentence by striking
 12 “For fiscal year 2024” and inserting “For fiscal year
 13 2026”.

14 SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR
 15 WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

16 For necessary expenses to carry out the special sup-
 17 plemental nutrition program as authorized by section 17
 18 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786),
 19 \$7,697,000,000, to remain available through September
 20 30, 2027: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section
 21 17(h)(10) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.
 22 1786(h)(10)), not less than \$90,000,000 shall be used for
 23 breastfeeding peer counselors and other related activities:
 24 *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall use funds made
 25 available under this heading to provide a cash-value vouch-

1 er for women and children participants that is set at an
2 amount equal to 267 percent of the amount provided for
3 such voucher in fiscal year 2020 for children participants,
4 and 428 percent of the amount provided for such voucher
5 in such fiscal year for women participants: *Provided fur-*
6 *ther*, That none of the funds provided in this account shall
7 be available for the purchase of infant formula except in
8 accordance with the cost containment and competitive bid-
9 ding requirements specified in section 17 of such Act: *Pro-*
10 *vided further*, That the Secretary shall require State agen-
11 cies to authorize fresh, frozen, canned, and dried fruit and
12 vegetables for Food Packages III, IV, V, VI, VII, and VIII
13 under the special supplemental nutrition program for
14 women, infants, and children established under section 17
15 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786): *Pro-*
16 *vided further*, That none of the funds provided shall be
17 available for activities that are not fully reimbursed by
18 other Federal Government departments or agencies unless
19 authorized by section 17 of such Act: *Provided further*,
20 That upon termination of a federally mandated vendor
21 moratorium and subject to terms and conditions estab-
22 lished by the Secretary, the Secretary may waive the re-
23 quirement at 7 CFR 246.12(g)(6) at the request of a
24 State agency.

1 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

2 For necessary expenses to carry out the Food and
3 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.),
4 \$118,141,341,000, of which \$3,000,000,000, to remain
5 available through September 30, 2028, shall be placed in
6 reserve for use only in such amounts and at such times
7 as may become necessary to carry out program operations:
8 *Provided*, That funds provided herein shall be expended
9 in accordance with section 16 of the Food and Nutrition
10 Act of 2008: *Provided further*, That of the funds made
11 available under this heading, \$998,000 may be used to
12 provide nutrition education services to State agencies and
13 Federally Recognized Tribes participating in the Food
14 Distribution Program on Indian Reservations: *Provided*
15 *further*, That of the funds made available under this head-
16 ing, \$4,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
17 2027, shall be used to carry out section 4003(b) of Public
18 Law 115–334 relating to demonstration projects for tribal
19 organizations: *Provided further*, That of the funds made
20 available under this heading, \$4,000,000 shall be used to
21 carry out section 4208 of Public Law 115–334: *Provided*
22 *further*, That this appropriation shall be subject to any
23 work registration or workfare requirements as may be re-
24 quired by law: *Provided further*, That funds made available
25 for Employment and Training under this heading shall re-

1 main available through September 30, 2027: *Provided fur-*
 2 *ther*, That funds made available under this heading for
 3 section 28(d)(1), section 4(b), and section 27(a) of the
 4 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 shall remain available
 5 through September 30, 2027: *Provided further*, That none
 6 of the funds made available under this heading may be
 7 obligated or expended in contravention of section 213A of
 8 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1183A):
 9 *Provided further*, That funds made available under this
 10 heading may be used to enter into contracts and employ
 11 staff to conduct studies, evaluations, or to conduct activi-
 12 ties related to program integrity provided that such activi-
 13 ties are authorized by the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008.

14 COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

15 For necessary expenses to carry out disaster assist-
 16 ance and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program as
 17 authorized by section 4(a) of the Agriculture and Con-
 18 sumer Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note); the
 19 Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983; special assist-
 20 ance for the nuclear affected islands, as authorized by sec-
 21 tion 103(f)(2) of the Compact of Free Association Amend-
 22 ments Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–188); and the Farm-
 23 ers’ Market Nutrition Program, as authorized by section
 24 17(m) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, \$516,070,000,
 25 to remain available through September 30, 2027: *Pro-*

1 *vided*, That none of these funds shall be available to reim-
2 burse the Commodity Credit Corporation for commodities
3 donated to the program: *Provided further*, That notwith-
4 standing any other provision of law, effective with funds
5 made available in fiscal year 2026 to support the Seniors
6 Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, as authorized by
7 section 4402 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment
8 Act of 2002, such funds shall remain available through
9 September 30, 2027: *Provided further*, That of the funds
10 made available under section 27(a) of the Food and Nutri-
11 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)), the Secretary may
12 use up to 20 percent for costs associated with the distribu-
13 tion of commodities.

14 NUTRITION PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION

15 For necessary administrative expenses of the Food
16 and Nutrition Service for carrying out any domestic nutri-
17 tion assistance program, \$135,348,000: *Provided*, That of
18 the funds provided herein, \$2,000,000 shall be used for
19 the purposes of section 4404 of Public Law 107–171, as
20 amended by section 4401 of Public Law 110–246.

1 TITLE V
2 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND RELATED
3 PROGRAMS

4 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND
5 FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS

6 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
7 Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs,
8 \$932,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
9 Act to any agency in the Trade and Foreign Agricultural
10 Affairs mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-
11 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for
12 the Office.

13 OFFICE OF CODEX ALIMENTARIUS

14 For necessary expenses of the Office of Codex
15 Alimentarius, \$4,922,000, including not to exceed
16 \$40,000 for official reception and representation expenses.

17 FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

18 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

20 For necessary expenses of the Foreign Agricultural
21 Service, including not to exceed \$250,000 for representa-
22 tion allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of
23 the Act approved August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766),
24 \$227,330,000, of which no more than 6 percent shall re-
25 main available until September 30, 2027, for overseas op-

1 erations to include the payment of locally employed staff:
2 *Provided*, That the Service may utilize advances of funds,
3 or reimburse this appropriation for expenditures made on
4 behalf of Federal agencies, public and private organiza-
5 tions and institutions under agreements executed pursu-
6 ant to the agricultural food production assistance pro-
7 grams (7 U.S.C. 1737) and the foreign assistance pro-
8 grams of the United States Agency for International De-
9 velopment: *Provided further*, That funds made available
10 for middle-income country training programs, funds made
11 available for the Borlaug International Agricultural
12 Science and Technology Fellowship program, and up to
13 \$2,000,000 of the Foreign Agricultural Service appropria-
14 tion solely for the purpose of offsetting fluctuations in
15 international currency exchange rates, subject to docu-
16 mentation by the Foreign Agricultural Service, shall re-
17 main available until expended.

18 FOOD FOR PEACE TITLE II GRANTS

19 For expenses during the current fiscal year, not oth-
20 erwise recoverable, and unrecovered prior years' costs, in-
21 cluding interest thereon, under the Food for Peace Act
22 (Public Law 83-480), for necessary expenses and com-
23 modities supplied in connection with dispositions abroad
24 under title II of said Act, \$900,000,000, to remain avail-
25 able until expended.

1 MCGOVERN-DOLE INTERNATIONAL FOOD FOR EDUCATION
 2 AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM GRANTS

3 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions
 4 of section 3107 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
 5 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1736o–1), \$220,306,000, to
 6 remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the Com-
 7 modity Credit Corporation is authorized to provide the
 8 services, facilities, and authorities for the purpose of im-
 9 plementing such section, subject to reimbursement from
 10 amounts provided herein: *Provided further*, That of the
 11 amount made available under this heading, not more than
 12 10 percent, but not less than \$22,000,000, shall remain
 13 available until expended to purchase agricultural commod-
 14 ities as described in subsection 3107(a)(2) of the Farm
 15 Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C.
 16 1736o–1(a)(2)).

17 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION EXPORT (LOANS)

18 CREDIT GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

20 For administrative expenses to carry out the Com-
 21 modity Credit Corporation’s Export Guarantee Program,
 22 GSM 102 and GSM 103, \$6,063,000, to cover common
 23 overhead expenses as permitted by section 11 of the Com-
 24 modity Credit Corporation Charter Act and in conformity
 25 with the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, which shall

1 be paid to the appropriation for “Foreign Agricultural
2 Service, Salaries and Expenses”.

1 TITLE VI
2 RELATED AGENCIES AND FOOD AND DRUG
3 ADMINISTRATION
4 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
5 FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
6 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
7 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

8 For necessary expenses of the Food and Drug Ad-
9 ministration, including hire and purchase of passenger
10 motor vehicles; for payment of space rental and related
11 costs pursuant to Public Law 92–313 for programs and
12 activities of the Food and Drug Administration which are
13 included in this Act; for rental of special purpose space
14 in the District of Columbia or elsewhere; for miscellaneous
15 and emergency expenses of enforcement activities, author-
16 ized and approved by the Secretary and to be accounted
17 for solely on the Secretary’s certificate, not to exceed
18 \$25,000; and notwithstanding section 521 of Public Law
19 107–188; \$6,682,889,000: *Provided*, That of the amount
20 provided under this heading, \$1,543,267,000 shall be de-
21 rived from prescription drug user fees authorized by 21
22 U.S.C. 379h, and shall be credited to this account and
23 remain available until expended; \$445,807,000 shall be de-
24 rived from medical device user fees authorized by 21
25 U.S.C. 379j, and shall be credited to this account and re-

1 main available until expended; \$665,439,000 shall be de-
2 rived from human generic drug user fees authorized by
3 21 U.S.C. 379j–42, and shall be credited to this account
4 and remain available until expended; \$55,731,000 shall be
5 derived from biosimilar biological product user fees au-
6 thorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–52, and shall be credited to
7 this account and remain available until expended;
8 \$34,143,000 shall be derived from animal drug user fees
9 authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–12, and shall be credited
10 to this account and remain available until expended;
11 \$26,502,000 shall be derived from generic new animal
12 drug user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–21, and shall
13 be credited to this account and remain available until ex-
14 pended; \$712,000,000 shall be derived from tobacco prod-
15 uct user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 387s, and shall be
16 credited to this account and remain available until ex-
17 pended: *Provided further*, That in addition to and notwith-
18 standing any other provision under this heading, amounts
19 collected for prescription drug user fees, medical device
20 user fees, human generic drug user fees, biosimilar biologi-
21 cal product user fees, animal drug user fees, and generic
22 new animal drug user fees that exceed the respective fiscal
23 year 2026 limitations are appropriated and shall be cred-
24 ited to this account and remain available until expended:
25 *Provided further*, That fees derived from prescription drug,

1 medical device, human generic drug, biosimilar biological
2 product, animal drug, and generic new animal drug as-
3 sessments for fiscal year 2026, including any such fees
4 collected prior to fiscal year 2026 but credited for fiscal
5 year 2026, shall be subject to the fiscal year 2026 limita-
6 tions: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may accept
7 payment during fiscal year 2026 of user fees specified
8 under this heading and authorized for fiscal year 2027,
9 prior to the due date for such fees, and that amounts of
10 such fees assessed for fiscal year 2027 for which the Sec-
11 retary accepts payment in fiscal year 2026 shall not be
12 included in amounts under this heading: *Provided further*,
13 That none of these funds shall be used to develop, estab-
14 lish, or operate any program of user fees authorized by
15 31 U.S.C. 9701: *Provided further*, That of the total
16 amount appropriated: (1) \$1,232,115,000 shall be for the
17 Human Foods Program and related field activities in the
18 Office of Inspections and Investigations, of which no less
19 than \$15,000,000 shall be used for inspections of foreign
20 seafood manufacturers and field examinations of imported
21 seafood; (2) \$2,359,451,000 shall be for the Center for
22 Drug Evaluation and Research and related field activities
23 in the Office Inspection and Investigations, of which no
24 less than \$10,000,000 shall be for pilots to increase unan-
25 nounced foreign inspections and shall remain available

1 until expended; (3) \$549,858,000 shall be for the Center
2 for Biologics Evaluation and Research and for related field
3 activities in the Office of Inspection and Investigations;
4 (4) \$244,692,000 shall be for the Center for Veterinary
5 Medicine and for related field activities in the Office of
6 Inspection and Investigations; (5) \$859,992,000 shall be
7 for the Center for Devices and Radiological Health and
8 for related field activities in the Office of Inspection and
9 Investigations; (6) \$67,453,000 shall be for the National
10 Center for Toxicological Research; (7) \$684,324,000 shall
11 be for the Center for Tobacco Products and for related
12 field activities in the Office of Inspection and Investiga-
13 tions; (8) \$164,737,000 shall be for Rent and Related ac-
14 tivities, of which \$48,061,000 is for White Oak Consolida-
15 tion, other than the amounts paid to the General Services
16 Administration for rent; (9) \$199,000,000 shall be for
17 payments to the General Services Administration for rent;
18 and (10) \$321,267,000 shall be for other activities, includ-
19 ing the Office of the Commissioner of Food and Drugs,
20 the Office of Food Policy and Response, the Office of Op-
21 erations, the Office of the Chief Scientist, and central
22 services for these offices: *Provided further*, That not to ex-
23 ceed \$25,000 of this amount shall be for official reception
24 and representation expenses, not otherwise provided for,
25 as determined by the Commissioner: *Provided further*,

1 That any transfer of funds pursuant to, and for the ad-
2 ministration of, section 770(n) of the Federal Food, Drug,
3 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 379dd(n)) shall only be from
4 amounts made available under this heading for other ac-
5 tivities and shall not exceed \$2,000,000: *Provided further*,
6 That of the amounts that are made available under this
7 heading for “other activities”, and that are not derived
8 from user fees, \$1,500,000 shall be transferred to and
9 merged with the appropriation for “Department of Health
10 and Human Services—Office of Inspector General” for
11 oversight of the programs and operations of the Food and
12 Drug Administration and shall be in addition to funds oth-
13 erwise made available for oversight of the Food and Drug
14 Administration: *Provided further*, That funds may be
15 transferred from one specified activity to another with the
16 prior approval of the Committees on Appropriations of
17 both Houses of Congress.

18 In addition, mammography user fees authorized by
19 42 U.S.C. 263b, export certification user fees authorized
20 by 21 U.S.C. 381, priority review user fees authorized by
21 21 U.S.C. 360n and 360ff, food and feed recall fees, food
22 reinspection fees, and voluntary qualified importer pro-
23 gram fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–31, outsourcing
24 facility fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–62, prescription
25 drug wholesale distributor licensing and inspection fees

1 authorized by 21 U.S.C. 353(e)(3), third-party logistics
 2 provider licensing and inspection fees authorized by 21
 3 U.S.C. 360eee–3(c)(1), third-party auditor fees authorized
 4 by 21 U.S.C. 384d(c)(8), medical countermeasure priority
 5 review voucher user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 360bbb–
 6 4a, and fees relating to over-the-counter monograph drugs
 7 authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–72 shall be credited to this
 8 account, to remain available until expended.

9 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

10 For plans, construction, repair, improvement, exten-
 11 sion, alteration, demolition, and purchase of fixed equip-
 12 ment or facilities of or used by the Food and Drug Admin-
 13 istration, where not otherwise provided, \$1,000,000 to re-
 14 main available until expended.

15 INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

16 COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

17 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

18 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions
 19 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1 et seq.), in-
 20 cluding the purchase and hire of passenger motor vehicles,
 21 and the rental of space (to include multiple year leases),
 22 in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, \$335,000,000,
 23 including not to exceed \$3,000 for official reception and
 24 representation expenses, and not to exceed \$25,000 for the
 25 expenses for consultations and meetings hosted by the

1 Commission with foreign governmental and other regu-
 2 latory officials, of which not less than \$80,000,000 shall
 3 remain available until September 30, 2028, and of which
 4 not less than \$4,218,000 shall be for expenses of the Of-
 5 fice of the Inspector General: *Provided*, That notwith-
 6 standing the limitations in 31 U.S.C. 1553, amounts pro-
 7 vided under this heading are available for the liquidation
 8 of obligations equal to current year payments on leases
 9 entered into prior to the date of enactment of this Act:
 10 *Provided further*, That for the purpose of recording and
 11 liquidating any lease obligations that should have been re-
 12 corded and liquidated against accounts closed pursuant to
 13 31 U.S.C. 1552, and consistent with the preceding pro-
 14 viso, such amounts shall be transferred to and recorded
 15 in a no-year account in the Treasury, which has been es-
 16 tablished for the sole purpose of recording adjustments for
 17 and liquidating such unpaid obligations.

18 FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

19 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

20 Not to exceed \$106,500,000 (from assessments col-
 21 lected from farm credit institutions, including the Federal
 22 Agricultural Mortgage Corporation) shall be obligated
 23 during the current fiscal year for administrative expenses
 24 as authorized under 12 U.S.C. 2249: *Provided*, That this
 25 limitation shall not apply to expenses associated with re-

1 ceiverships: *Provided further*, That the agency may exceed
2 this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification to the
3 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
4 gress: *Provided further*, That the purposes of section
5 3.7(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C.
6 2128(b)(2)(A)(i)), the Farm Credit Administration may
7 exempt, an amount in its sole discretion, from the applica-
8 tion of the limitation provided in that clause of export
9 loans described in the clause guaranteed or insured in a
10 manner other than described in subclause (II) of the
11 clause.

1 TITLE VII
2 GENERAL PROVISIONS
3 (INCLUDING RESCISSIONS AND TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)
4 SEC. 701. The Secretary may use any appropriations
5 made available to the Department of Agriculture in this
6 Act to purchase new passenger motor vehicles, in addition
7 to specific appropriations for this purpose, so long as the
8 total number of U.S. based vehicles purchased in fiscal
9 year 2026 does not exceed the number of U.S. based vehi-
10 cles owned or leased in fiscal year 2018: *Provided*, That,
11 prior to purchasing additional U.S. based motor vehicles,
12 the Secretary must determine that such vehicles are nec-
13 essary for transportation safety, to reduce operational
14 costs, and for the protection of life, property, and public
15 safety: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may not in-
16 crease the Department of Agriculture’s U.S. based vehicle
17 fleet above the 2018 level unless the Secretary notifies in
18 writing, and receives approval from, the Committees on
19 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress within 30 days
20 of the notification.
21 SEC. 702. Notwithstanding any other provision of
22 this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may transfer unobli-
23 gated balances of discretionary funds appropriated by this
24 Act or any other available unobligated discretionary bal-
25 ances that are remaining available of the Department of

1 Agriculture to the Working Capital Fund for the acquisi-
2 tion of property, plant and equipment and for the improve-
3 ment, delivery, and implementation of Department finan-
4 cial, and administrative information technology services,
5 and other support systems necessary for the delivery of
6 financial, administrative, and information technology serv-
7 ices, including cloud adoption and migration, of primary
8 benefit to the agencies of the Department of Agriculture,
9 such transferred funds to remain available until expended:
10 *Provided*, That none of the funds made available by this
11 Act or any other Act shall be transferred to the Working
12 Capital Fund without the prior approval of the agency ad-
13 ministrator: *Provided further*, That none of the funds
14 transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to this
15 section shall be available for obligation without written no-
16 tification to and the prior approval of the Committees on
17 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided fur-*
18 *ther*, That none of the funds appropriated by this Act or
19 made available to the Department's Working Capital
20 Fund shall be available for obligation or expenditure to
21 make any changes to the Department's National Finance
22 Center without written notification to and prior approval
23 of the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of
24 Congress as required by section 716 of this Act: *Provided*
25 *further*, That none of the funds appropriated by this Act

1 or made available to the Department's Working Capital
2 Fund shall be available for obligation or expenditure to
3 initiate, plan, develop, implement, or make any changes
4 to remove or relocate any systems, missions, personnel, or
5 functions of the offices of the Chief Financial Officer and
6 the Chief Information Officer, co-located with or from the
7 National Finance Center prior to written notification to
8 and prior approval of the Committee on Appropriations
9 of both Houses of Congress and in accordance with the
10 requirements of section 716 of this Act: *Provided further,*
11 That the National Finance Center Information Tech-
12 nology Services Division personnel and data center man-
13 agement responsibilities, and control of any functions,
14 missions, and systems for current and future human re-
15 sources management and integrated personnel and payroll
16 systems (PPS) and functions provided by the Chief Finan-
17 cial Officer and the Chief Information Officer shall remain
18 in the National Finance Center and under the manage-
19 ment responsibility and administrative control of the Na-
20 tional Finance Center: *Provided further,* That the Sec-
21 retary of Agriculture and the offices of the Chief Financial
22 Officer shall actively market to existing and new Depart-
23 ments and other government agencies National Finance
24 Center shared services including, but not limited to, pay-
25 roll, financial management, and human capital shared

1 services and allow the National Finance Center to perform
2 technology upgrades: *Provided further*, That of annual in-
3 come amounts in the Working Capital Fund of the De-
4 partment of Agriculture allocated for the National Fi-
5 nance Center, the Secretary shall reserve not more than
6 4 percent for the replacement or acquisition of capital
7 equipment, including equipment for the improvement, de-
8 livery, and implementation of financial, administrative,
9 and information technology services, and other systems of
10 the National Finance Center or to pay any unforeseen,
11 extraordinary cost of the National Finance Center: *Pro-*
12 *vided further*, That none of the amounts reserved shall be
13 available for obligation unless the Secretary submits writ-
14 ten notification of the obligation to the Committees on Ap-
15 propriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*,
16 That the limitations on the obligation of funds pending
17 notification to Congressional Committees shall not apply
18 to any obligation that, as determined by the Secretary,
19 is necessary to respond to a declared state of emergency
20 that significantly impacts the operations of the National
21 Finance Center; or to evacuate employees of the National
22 Finance Center to a safe haven to continue operations of
23 the National Finance Center.

1 SEC. 703. No part of any appropriation contained in
2 this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the
3 current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

4 SEC. 704. No funds appropriated by this Act may be
5 used to pay negotiated indirect cost rates on cooperative
6 agreements or similar arrangements between the United
7 States Department of Agriculture and nonprofit institu-
8 tions in excess of 10 percent of the total direct cost of
9 the agreement when the purpose of such cooperative ar-
10 rangements is to carry out programs of mutual interest
11 between the two parties. This does not preclude appro-
12 priate payment of indirect costs on grants and contracts
13 with such institutions when such indirect costs are com-
14 puted on a similar basis for all agencies for which appro-
15 priations are provided in this Act.

16 SEC. 705. Appropriations to the Department of Agri-
17 culture for the cost of direct and guaranteed loans made
18 available in the current fiscal year shall remain available
19 until expended to disburse obligations made in the current
20 fiscal year for the following accounts: the Rural Develop-
21 ment Loan Fund program account, the Rural Electrifica-
22 tion and Telecommunication Loans program account, and
23 the Rural Housing Insurance Fund program account.

24 SEC. 706. None of the funds made available to the
25 Department of Agriculture by this Act may be used to ac-

1 quire new information technology systems or significant
2 upgrades, as determined by the Office of the Chief Infor-
3 mation Officer, without the approval of the Chief Informa-
4 tion Officer and the concurrence of the Executive Informa-
5 tion Technology Investment Review Board: *Provided*, That
6 notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the
7 funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this
8 Act may be transferred to the Office of the Chief Informa-
9 tion Officer without written notification to and the prior
10 approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both
11 Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That notwith-
12 standing section 11319 of title 40, United States Code,
13 none of the funds available to the Department of Agri-
14 culture for information technology shall be obligated for
15 projects, contracts, or other agreements over \$25,000
16 prior to receipt of written approval by the Chief Informa-
17 tion Officer: *Provided further*, That the Chief Information
18 Officer may authorize an agency to obligate funds without
19 written approval from the Chief Information Officer for
20 projects, contracts, or other agreements up to \$250,000
21 based upon the performance of an agency measured
22 against the performance plan requirements described in
23 the explanatory statement accompanying Public Law 113–
24 235.

1 SEC. 707. Funds made available under section 524(b)
2 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1524(b)) in
3 the current fiscal year shall remain available until ex-
4 pended to disburse obligations made in the current fiscal
5 year.

6 SEC. 708. Notwithstanding any other provision of
7 law, any former Rural Utilities Service borrower that has
8 repaid or prepaid an insured, direct or guaranteed loan
9 under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, or any not-
10 for-profit utility that is eligible to receive an insured or
11 direct loan under such Act, shall be eligible for assistance
12 under section 313B(a) of such Act in the same manner
13 as a borrower under such Act.

14 SEC. 709. Except as otherwise specifically provided
15 by law, not more than \$20,000,000 in unobligated bal-
16 ances from appropriations made available for salaries and
17 expenses in this Act for the Farm Service Agency shall
18 remain available through September 30, 2027, for infor-
19 mation technology expenses.

20 SEC. 710. None of the funds appropriated or other-
21 wise made available by this Act may be used for first-class
22 travel by the employees of agencies funded by this Act in
23 contravention of sections 301–10.122 through 301–10.124
24 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.

1 SEC. 711. In the case of each program established
2 or amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law
3 113–79) or by a successor to that Act, other than by title
4 I of such Act, or programs for which indefinite amounts
5 were provided in that Act, that is authorized or required
6 to be carried out using funds of the Commodity Credit
7 Corporation—

8 (1) such funds shall be available for salaries
9 and related administrative expenses, including tech-
10 nical assistance, associated with the implementation
11 of the program, without regard to the limitation on
12 the total amount of allotments and fund transfers
13 contained in section 11 of the Commodity Credit
14 Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714i); and

15 (2) the use of such funds for such purpose shall
16 not be considered to be a fund transfer or allotment
17 for purposes of applying the limitation on the total
18 amount of allotments and fund transfers contained
19 in such section.

20 SEC. 712. Of the funds made available by this Act,
21 not more than \$2,900,000 shall be used to cover necessary
22 expenses of activities related to all advisory committees,
23 panels, commissions, and task forces of the Department
24 of Agriculture, except for panels used to comply with nego-

1 tiated rule makings and panels used to evaluate competi-
2 tively awarded grants.

3 SEC. 713. (a) None of the funds made available in
4 this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer
5 network unless such network blocks the viewing,
6 downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

7 (b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of
8 funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law
9 enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out crimi-
10 nal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

11 SEC. 714. Notwithstanding subsection (b) of section
12 14222 of Public Law 110–246 (7 U.S.C. 612c–6; in this
13 section referred to as “section 14222”), none of the funds
14 appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any
15 other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and expenses
16 of personnel to carry out a program under section 32 of
17 the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c; in this section
18 referred to as “section 32”) in excess of \$1,667,049,000
19 (exclusive of carryover appropriations from prior fiscal
20 years), as follows: Child Nutrition Programs Entitlement
21 Commodities—\$485,000,000; State Option Contracts—
22 \$5,000,000; Removal of Defective Commodities—
23 \$2,500,000; Administration of section 32 Commodity Pur-
24 chases—\$40,971,000: *Provided*, That of the total funds
25 made available in the matter preceding this proviso that

1 remain unobligated on October 1, 2026, such unobligated
2 balances shall carryover into fiscal year 2027 and shall
3 remain available until expended for any of the purposes
4 of section 32, except that any such carryover funds used
5 in accordance with clause (3) of section 32 may not exceed
6 \$350,000,000 and may not be obligated until the Sec-
7 retary of Agriculture provides written notification of the
8 expenditures to the Committees on Appropriations of both
9 Houses of Congress at least two weeks in advance: *Pro-*
10 *vided further*, That, with the exception of any available
11 carryover funds authorized in any prior appropriations Act
12 to be used for the purposes of clause (3) of section 32,
13 none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made avail-
14 able by this or any other Act shall be used to pay the
15 salaries or expenses of any employee of the Department
16 of Agriculture to carry out clause (3) of section 32.

17 SEC. 715. None of the funds appropriated by this or
18 any other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and ex-
19 penses of personnel who prepare or submit appropriations
20 language as part of the President's budget submission to
21 the Congress for programs under the jurisdiction of the
22 Appropriations Subcommittees on Agriculture, Rural De-
23 velopment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related
24 Agencies that assumes revenues or reflects a reduction
25 from the previous year due to user fees proposals that

1 have not been enacted into law prior to the submission
2 of the budget unless such budget submission identifies
3 which additional spending reductions should occur in the
4 event the user fees proposals are not enacted prior to the
5 date of the convening of a committee of conference for
6 the fiscal year 2026 appropriations Act.

7 SEC. 716. (a) None of the funds provided by this Act,
8 or provided by previous appropriations Acts to the agen-
9 cies funded by this Act that remain available for obligation
10 or expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from
11 any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of
12 fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be
13 available for obligation or expenditure through a re-
14 programming, transfer of funds, or reimbursements as au-
15 thorized by the Economy Act, or in the case of the Depart-
16 ment of Agriculture, through use of the authority provided
17 by section 702(b) of the Department of Agriculture Or-
18 ganic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2257) or section 8 of Public
19 Law 89–106 (7 U.S.C. 2263), that—

- 20 (1) creates new programs;
- 21 (2) eliminates a program, project, or activity;
- 22 (3) increases funds or personnel by any means
23 for any project or activity for which funds have been
24 denied or restricted;
- 25 (4) relocates an office or employees;

1 (5) reorganizes offices, programs, or activities;

2 or

3 (6) contracts out or privatizes any functions or

4 activities presently performed by Federal employees;

5 unless the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of

6 Health and Human Services, or the Chairman of the Com-

7 modity Futures Trading Commission (as the case may be)

8 notifies in writing and receives approval from the Commit-

9 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least

10 30 days in advance of the reprogramming of such funds

11 or the use of such authority.

12 (b) None of the funds provided by this Act, or pro-

13 vided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies

14 funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or

15 expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from

16 any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of

17 fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be

18 available for obligation or expenditure for activities, pro-

19 grams, or projects through a reprogramming or use of the

20 authorities referred to in subsection (a) involving funds

21 in excess of \$500,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less,

22 that—

23 (1) augments existing programs, projects, or ac-

24 tivities;

1 (2) reduces by 10 percent funding for any exist-
2 ing program, project, or activity, or numbers of per-
3 sonnel by 10 percent as approved by Congress; or

4 (3) results from any general savings from a re-
5 duction in personnel which would result in a change
6 in existing programs, activities, or projects as ap-
7 proved by Congress;

8 unless the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of
9 Health and Human Services, or the Chairman of the Com-
10 modity Futures Trading Commission (as the case may be)
11 notifies in writing and receives approval from the Commit-
12 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least
13 30 days in advance of the reprogramming or transfer of
14 such funds or the use of such authority.

15 (c) The Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of
16 Health and Human Services, or the Chairman of the Com-
17 modity Futures Trading Commission shall notify in writ-
18 ing and receive approval from the Committees on Appro-
19 priations of both Houses of Congress before implementing
20 any program or activity not carried out during the pre-
21 vious fiscal year unless the program or activity is funded
22 by this Act or specifically funded by any other Act.

23 (d) None of the funds provided by this Act, or pro-
24 vided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies
25 funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or

1 expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from
2 any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of
3 fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be
4 available for—

5 (1) modifying major capital investments fund-
6 ing levels, including information technology systems,
7 that involves increasing or decreasing funds in the
8 current fiscal year for the individual investment in
9 excess of \$500,000 or 10 percent of the total cost,
10 whichever is less;

11 (2) realigning or reorganizing new, current, or
12 vacant positions or agency activities or functions to
13 establish a center, office, branch, or similar entity
14 with five or more personnel; or

15 (3) carrying out activities or functions that
16 were not described in the budget request;

17 unless the agencies funded by this Act notify, in writing,
18 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
19 gress at least 30 days in advance of using the funds for
20 these purposes.

21 (e) As described in this section, no funds may be used
22 for any activities unless the Secretary of Agriculture, the
23 Secretary of Health and Human Services, or the Chair-
24 man of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission re-
25 ceives from the Committee on Appropriations of both

1 Houses of Congress written or electronic mail confirma-
2 tion of receipt of the notification as required in this sec-
3 tion.

4 SEC. 717. Notwithstanding section 310B(g)(5) of the
5 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
6 1932(g)(5)), the Secretary may assess a one-time fee for
7 any guaranteed business and industry loan in an amount
8 that does not exceed 3 percent of the guaranteed principal
9 portion of the loan.

10 SEC. 718. None of the funds appropriated or other-
11 wise made available to the Department of Agriculture, the
12 Food and Drug Administration, the Commodity Futures
13 Trading Commission, or the Farm Credit Administration
14 shall be used to transmit or otherwise make available re-
15 ports, questions, or responses to questions that are a re-
16 sult of information requested for the appropriations hear-
17 ing process to any non-Department of Agriculture, non-
18 Department of Health and Human Services, non-Com-
19 modity Futures Trading Commission, or non-Farm Credit
20 Administration employee.

21 SEC. 719. Unless otherwise authorized by existing
22 law, none of the funds provided in this Act, may be used
23 by an executive branch agency to produce any pre-
24 packaged news story intended for broadcast or distribution
25 in the United States unless the story includes a clear noti-

1 fication within the text or audio of the prepackaged news
2 story that the prepackaged news story was prepared or
3 funded by that executive branch agency.

4 SEC. 720. No employee of the Department of Agri-
5 culture may be detailed or assigned from an agency or
6 office funded by this Act or any other Act to any other
7 agency or office of the Department for more than 60 days
8 in a fiscal year unless the individual's employing agency
9 or office is fully reimbursed by the receiving agency or
10 office for the salary and expenses of the employee for the
11 period of assignment.

12 SEC. 721. (a) Not later than 30 days after the date
13 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, the
14 Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, the
15 Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commis-
16 sion, and the Chairman of the Farm Credit Administra-
17 tion shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of
18 the House of Representatives and the Senate a detailed
19 obligation plan delineated by program, project, and activ-
20 ity, as defined in the report accompanying this Act, for
21 all amounts made available by this Act and prior appro-
22 priations Acts that remain available for obligation, includ-
23 ing appropriated user fees and loan authorizations.

1 (b) Such obligation plan shall serve as the baseline
2 for reprogramming notifications for the purposes of sec-
3 tion 716 of this Act.

4 (c) Such plan shall include breakdowns of estimated
5 obligations for each such program, project, or activity
6 by—

7 (1) fiscal quarter;

8 (2) source appropriation; and

9 (3) the number of full-time equivalent positions
10 supported.

11 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, none
12 of the funds made available by this Act or previous appro-
13 priations Acts to the agencies funded in this Act that re-
14 main available for obligation or expenditure shall be avail-
15 able for transfer or reprogramming except pursuant to
16 section 716 of this Act.

17 (RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

18 SEC. 722. Of the unobligated balances from amounts
19 made available for the supplemental nutrition program as
20 authorized by section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of
21 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786), \$100,000,000 are hereby re-
22 scinded: *Provided*, That no amounts may be rescinded
23 from amounts that were designated by the Congress as
24 an emergency requirement pursuant to a Concurrent Res-

1 olution on the Budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-
2 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

3 SEC. 723. For the purposes of determining eligibility
4 or level of program assistance for Rural Housing Service
5 programs the Secretary shall not include incarcerated
6 prison populations.

7 SEC. 724. For loans and loan guarantees that do not
8 require budget authority and the program level has been
9 established in this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may
10 increase the program level for such loans and loan guaran-
11 tees by not more than 25 percent: *Provided*, That prior
12 to the Secretary implementing such an increase, the Sec-
13 retary notifies, in writing, the Committees on Appropria-
14 tions of both Houses of Congress at least 15 days in ad-
15 vance.

16 SEC. 725. None of the credit card refunds or rebates
17 transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to sec-
18 tion 729 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and
19 Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropria-
20 tions Act, 2002 (7 U.S.C. 2235a; Public Law 107–76)
21 shall be available for obligation without written notifica-
22 tion to, and the prior approval of, the Committees on Ap-
23 propriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided*, That
24 the refunds or rebates so transferred shall be available for
25 obligation only for the acquisition of property, plant and

1 equipment, including equipment for the improvement, de-
2 livery, and implementation of Departmental financial
3 management, information technology, and other support
4 systems necessary for the delivery of financial, administra-
5 tive, and information technology services, including cloud
6 adoption and migration, of primary benefit to the agencies
7 of the Department of Agriculture.

8 SEC. 726. None of the funds made available by this
9 Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce the
10 “variety” requirements of the final rule entitled “Enhanc-
11 ing Retailer Standards in the Supplemental Nutrition As-
12 sistance Program (SNAP)” published by the Department
13 of Agriculture in the Federal Register on December 15,
14 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 90675) until the Secretary of Agri-
15 culture amends the definition of the term “variety” as de-
16 fined in section 278.1(b)(1)(ii)(C) of title 7, Code of Fed-
17 eral Regulations, and “variety” as applied in the definition
18 of the term “staple food” as defined in section 271.2 of
19 title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, to increase the num-
20 ber of items that qualify as acceptable varieties in each
21 staple food category so that the total number of such items
22 in each staple food category exceeds the number of such
23 items in each staple food category included in the final
24 rule as published on December 15, 2016: *Provided*, That
25 until the Secretary promulgates such regulatory amend-

1 ments, the Secretary shall apply the requirements regard-
2 ing acceptable varieties and breadth of stock to Supple-
3 mental Nutrition Assistance Program retailers that were
4 in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of
5 the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–79).

6 SEC. 727. In carrying out subsection (h) of section
7 502 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472), the
8 Secretary of Agriculture shall have the same authority
9 with respect to loans guaranteed under such section and
10 eligible lenders for such loans as the Secretary has under
11 subsections (h) and (j) of section 538 of such Act (42
12 U.S.C. 1490p–2) with respect to loans guaranteed under
13 such section 538 and eligible lenders for such loans.

14 SEC. 728. None of the funds appropriated or other-
15 wise made available by this Act shall be available for the
16 United States Department of Agriculture to propose, fi-
17 nalize or implement any regulation that would promulgate
18 new user fees pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9701 after the date
19 of the enactment of this Act.

20 SEC. 729. None of the funds made available by this
21 or any other Act thereafter may be used to write, prepare,
22 or publish a proposed rule, final rule, or an interim final
23 rule in furtherance of, or otherwise to implement or en-
24 force the final rule entitled “Transparency in Poultry
25 Grower Contracting and Tournaments,” published by the

1 Department of Agriculture in the Federal Register on No-
2 vember 28, 2023 (88 Fed. Reg. 83210 et seq.), the final
3 rule entitled “Inclusive Competition and Market Integrity
4 Under the Packers and Stockyards Act,” published by the
5 Department of Agriculture in the Federal Register on
6 March 6, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 16092 et seq.), the final
7 rule entitled “Poultry Grower Payment Systems and Cap-
8 ital Improvement Systems,” published by the Department
9 of Agriculture in the Federal Register on January 16,
10 2025 (90 Fed. Reg. 5146 et seq.), the proposed rule enti-
11 tled “Fair and Competitive Livestock and Poultry Mar-
12 kets,” published by the Department of Agriculture in the
13 Federal Register on June 28, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 53886
14 et seq.), or any subsequent substantially similar rule-
15 making effort, except that funds may be used to, and the
16 Secretary of Agriculture shall, withdraw or rescind any
17 such proposed rules, advanced notices of proposed rule-
18 making, and any such rules that may have been finalized,
19 and discontinue and provide notice of closure to affected
20 parties of any investigations or enforcement activities
21 pending under said rules.

22 SEC. 730. Notwithstanding any provision of law that
23 regulates the calculation and payment of overtime and hol-
24 iday pay for FSIS inspectors, the Secretary may charge
25 establishments subject to the inspection requirements of

1 the Poultry Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 451 et
2 seq., the Federal Meat Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 601 et
3 seq, and the Egg Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 1031
4 et seq., for the cost of inspection services provided outside
5 of an establishment’s approved inspection shifts, and for
6 inspection services provided on Federal holidays: *Provided*,
7 That any sums charged pursuant to this paragraph shall
8 be deemed as overtime pay or holiday pay under section
9 1001(d) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public
10 Law 117–2, 135 Stat. 242): *Provided further*, That sums
11 received by the Secretary under this paragraph shall, in
12 addition to other available funds, remain available until
13 expended to the Secretary without further appropriation
14 for the purpose of funding all costs associated with FSIS
15 inspections.

16 SEC. 731. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture shall—

17 (1) conduct audits in a manner that evaluates
18 the following factors in the country or region being
19 audited, as applicable—

20 (A) veterinary control and oversight;

21 (B) disease history and vaccination prac-
22 tices;

23 (C) livestock demographics and
24 traceability;

1 (D) epidemiological separation from poten-
2 tial sources of infection;

3 (E) surveillance practices;

4 (F) diagnostic laboratory capabilities; and

5 (G) emergency preparedness and response;

6 and

7 (2) promptly make publicly available the final
8 reports of any audits or reviews conducted pursuant
9 to paragraph (1).

10 (b) This section shall be applied in a manner con-
11 sistent with United States obligations under its inter-
12 national trade agreements.

13 SEC. 732. A bank referenced in 12 U.S.C. 2128 may
14 make and participate in loans and commitments and pro-
15 vide technical and other financial assistance to coopera-
16 tives and any other public or private entity (except for the
17 federal government) for the purpose of installing, main-
18 taining, expanding, improving, or operating facilities in a
19 rural area as defined in 12 U.S.C. 2128(f) for the proc-
20 essing or disposal of waste from any source, provision of
21 telecommunication services, and producing electricity from
22 any source for use or sale by the borrower.

23 SEC. 733. Out of the funds provided by this Act to
24 the Food and Drug Administration (in this section re-
25 ferred to as the “FDA”), or provided from any accounts

1 in the Treasury derived by the collection of fees available
2 to the agencies funded by this Act, not less than
3 \$200,000,000 shall be used by the Commissioner of Food
4 and Drugs for enforcement activities related to e-ciga-
5 rettes, vapes, and other electronic nicotine delivery sys-
6 tems (in this section referred to as “ENDS”), including—

7 (1) updating the FDA document titled “En-
8 forcement Priorities for Electronic Nicotine Delivery
9 System (ENDS) and Other Deemed Products on the
10 Market Without Premarket Authorization”, pub-
11 lished in January 2020 and updated on April 13,
12 2020—

13 (A) to expand FDA’s prioritized enforce-
14 ment to flavored disposable ENDS products in
15 addition to cartridge-based products; and

16 (B) to define the term “disposable ENDS
17 product”;

18 (2) preparing and making publicly available on
19 the FDA website a list of products, to be updated
20 monthly, that have—

21 (A) received marketing granted orders pur-
22 suant to section 910(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Federal
23 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 4
24 387j(c)(1)(A)(i));

1 (B) received marketing denial orders pur-
2 suant to section 910(c) of such Act (21 U.S.C.
3 387j(c)) that have been and remain stayed by
4 the Secretary or through court order, rescinded
5 by the Secretary, or vacated by a court; or

6 (C) submitted a premarket tobacco product
7 application pursuant to section 910(b) of such
8 Act (21 U.S.C. 387j(b)), which remains pend-
9 ing review since on or before September 9,
10 2020;

11 (3) continuing the activities of the Federal
12 multi-agency task force led by the Department of
13 Justice and the FDA to further work to bring all
14 available criminal and civil tools to bear against the
15 illegal manufacture, importation, distribution, and
16 sale of e-cigarettes, vapes, and other ENDS prod-
17 ucts from the Republic of China and other foreign
18 countries; and

19 (4) submitting a semi-annual written report to
20 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of
21 Congress on the progress that the Center for To-
22 bacco Products is making in removing all illegal
23 ENDS products from the market.

24 SEC. 734. (a)(1) No Federal funds made available for
25 this fiscal year for the rural water, waste water, waste dis-

1 posal, and solid waste management programs authorized
2 by sections 306, 306A, 306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B of
3 the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7
4 U.S.C. 1926 et seq.) shall be used for a project for the
5 construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public
6 water or wastewater system unless all of the iron and steel
7 products used in the project are produced in the United
8 States.

9 (2) In this section, the term “iron and steel products”
10 means the following products made primarily of iron or
11 steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers
12 and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges,
13 pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, rein-
14 forced precast concrete, and construction materials.

15 (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply in any case or cat-
16 egory of cases in which the Secretary of Agriculture (in
17 this section referred to as the “Secretary”) or the designee
18 of the Secretary finds that—

19 (1) applying subsection (a) would be incon-
20 sistent with the public interest;

21 (2) iron and steel products are not produced in
22 the United States in sufficient and reasonably avail-
23 able quantities or of a satisfactory quality; or

1 (3) inclusion of iron and steel products pro-
2 duced in the United States will increase the cost of
3 the overall project by more than 25 percent.

4 (c) If the Secretary or the designee receives a request
5 for a waiver under this section, the Secretary or the des-
6 ignee shall make available to the public on an informal
7 basis a copy of the request and information available to
8 the Secretary or the designee concerning the request, and
9 shall allow for informal public input on the request for
10 at least 15 days prior to making a finding based on the
11 request. The Secretary or the designee shall make the re-
12 quest and accompanying information available by elec-
13 tronic means, including on the official public Internet Web
14 site of the Department.

15 (d) This section shall be applied in a manner con-
16 sistent with United States obligations under international
17 agreements.

18 (e) The Secretary may retain up to 0.25 percent of
19 the funds appropriated in this Act for “Rural Utilities
20 Service—Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Ac-
21 count” for carrying out the provisions described in sub-
22 section (a)(1) for management and oversight of the re-
23 quirements of this section.

24 (f) Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a
25 project for which the engineering plans and specifications

1 include use of iron and steel products otherwise prohibited
2 by such subsection if the plans and specifications have re-
3 ceived required approvals from State agencies prior to the
4 date of enactment of this Act.

5 (g) For purposes of this section, the terms “United
6 States” and “State” shall include each of the several
7 States, the District of Columbia, and each Federally rec-
8 ognized Indian Tribe.

9 SEC. 735. None of the funds appropriated by this Act
10 may be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence
11 congressional action on any legislation or appropriation
12 matters pending before Congress, other than to commu-
13 nicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C.
14 1913.

15 SEC. 736. Of the total amounts made available by
16 this Act for direct loans and grants under the following
17 headings: “Rural Housing Service—Rural Housing Insur-
18 ance Fund Program Account”; “Rural Housing Service—
19 Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants”; “Rural Housing
20 Service—Rural Housing Assistance Grants”; “Rural
21 Housing Service—Rural Community Facilities Program
22 Account”; “Rural Business-Cooperative Service—Rural
23 Business Program Account”; “Rural Business-Coopera-
24 tive Service—Rural Economic Development Loans Pro-
25 gram Account”; “Rural Business-Cooperative Service—

1 Rural Cooperative Development Grants”; “Rural Busi-
2 ness-Cooperative Service—Rural Microentrepreneur As-
3 sistance Program”; “Rural Utilities Service—Rural Water
4 and Waste Disposal Program Account”; “Rural Utilities
5 Service—Rural Electrification and Telecommunications
6 Loans Program Account”; and “Rural Utilities Service—
7 Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Pro-
8 gram”, to the maximum extent feasible, at least 10 per-
9 cent of the funds shall be allocated for assistance in per-
10 sistent poverty counties under this section, including, not-
11 withstanding any other provision regarding population
12 limits, any county seat of such a persistent poverty county
13 that has a population that does not exceed the authorized
14 population limit by more than 10 percent: *Provided*, That
15 for purposes of this section, the term “persistent poverty
16 counties” means any county that has had 20 percent or
17 more of its population living in poverty over the past 30
18 years, as measured by the 1990 and 2000 decennial cen-
19 suses, and 2007–2011 American Community Survey 5-
20 year average, or any territory or possession of the United
21 States: *Provided further*, That with respect to specific ac-
22 tivities for which program levels have been made available
23 by this Act that are not supported by budget authority,
24 the requirements of this section shall be applied to such
25 program level.

1 SEC. 737. None of the funds made available by this
2 Act may be used to notify a sponsor or otherwise acknowl-
3 edge receipt of a submission for an exemption for inves-
4 tigational use of a drug or biological product under section
5 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21
6 U.S.C. 355(i)) or section 351(a)(3) of the Public Health
7 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262(a)(3)) in research in which
8 a human embryo is intentionally created or modified to
9 include a heritable genetic modification. Any such submis-
10 sion shall be deemed to have not been received by the Sec-
11 retary, and the exemption may not go into effect.

12 SEC. 738. None of the funds made available by this
13 or any other Act may be used to enforce the final rule
14 promulgated by the Food and Drug Administration enti-
15 tled “Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing,
16 and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption”, and
17 published on November 27, 2015, and the proposed rule
18 issued by the Food and Drug Administration pending at
19 the Office of Management and Budget entitled “Stand-
20 ards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding
21 Produce for Human Consumption Related to Agricultural
22 Water” (86 Fed. Reg. 69120 and 87 Fed. Reg. 42973),
23 with respect to the regulation of entities that grow, har-
24 vest, pack, or hold wine grapes, hops, pulse crops, or al-
25 monds.

1 SEC. 739. For school years 2025–2026 and 2026–
2 2027, none of the funds made available by this Act may
3 be used to restrict or limit the substitution of any vege-
4 table subgroup for fruits under the school breakfast pro-
5 gram established under section 4 of the Child Nutrition
6 Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773).

7 SEC. 740. None of the funds made available by this
8 Act or any other Act may be used—

9 (1) in contravention of section 7606 of the Ag-
10 ricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 5940), subtitle G
11 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, or sec-
12 tion 10114 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of
13 2018; or

14 (2) to prohibit the transportation, processing,
15 sale, or use of hemp, or seeds of such plant, that is
16 grown or cultivated in accordance with section 7606
17 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 or subtitle G of the
18 Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, within or out-
19 side the State in which the hemp is grown or cul-
20 tivated.

21 SEC. 741. The Secretary of Agriculture may waive
22 the matching funds requirement under section 412(g) of
23 the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Re-
24 form Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7632(g)).

11 SEC. 743. None of the funds made available by this
12 Act may be used to impose updated minimum efficiency
13 standards for new housing financed by the Department
14 of Agriculture as part of carrying out the notice entitled
15 “Final Determination: Energy Efficiency Standards for
16 New Construction of HUD and USDA Financed Hous-
17 ing” (89 Fed. Reg. 33112).

19 SEC. 744. Of the unobligated balances from prior
20 year appropriations made available in the “Working Cap-
21 ital Fund,” \$78,000,000 are here by permanently can-
22 celled: *Provided*, That no amounts shall be cancelled from
23 amounts that were designated by the Congress as an
24 emergency or disaster relief requirement pursuant to a

1 concurrent resolution or the budget of the Balanced Budg-
2 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

3 SEC. 745. (a) After the effective date of any final rule
4 the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) publishes in
5 connection with its proposed rule to update these require-
6 ments (87 Federal Register 59168, issued on September
7 29, 2022), manufacturers may also continue to comply
8 with the previous requirements promulgated by the FDA
9 for the implied nutrient content claim “healthy” through
10 the “compliance date” FDA provides in the final rule.

11 (b) Any food product manufactured and labeled as
12 “healthy” during the compliance period FDA provides in
13 that final rule shall not be directly or indirectly subject
14 to any state-law requirements that are not identical to ei-
15 ther (i) the Federal requirements for the implied nutrition
16 content claim “healthy” that were in effect as of the date
17 FDA issues the final rule, or (ii) the updated Federal re-
18 quirements that FDA promulgates in the final rule, as-
19 suming the updated requirements go into effect during the
20 regulatory compliance period.

21 SEC. 746. Funds made available under title II of the
22 Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.) may only be
23 used to provide assistance to recipient nations if adequate
24 monitoring and controls, as determined by the Adminis-
25 trator, are in place to ensure that emergency food aid is

1 received by the intended beneficiaries in areas affected by
2 food shortages and not diverted for unauthorized or inap-
3 propriate purposes.

4 SEC. 747. None of the funds made available by this
5 Act may be used to procure raw or processed poultry prod-
6 ucts or seafood imported into the United States from the
7 People’s Republic of China for use in the school lunch pro-
8 gram under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch
9 Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), the Child and Adult Care
10 Food Program under section 17 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
11 1766), the Summer Food Service Program for Children
12 under section 13 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1761), or the
13 school breakfast program under the Child Nutrition Act
14 of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.).

15 SEC. 748. For school year 2026–2027, only a school
16 food authority that had a negative balance in the nonprofit
17 school food service account as of June 30, 2025, shall be
18 required to establish a price for paid lunches in accordance
19 with section 12(p) of the Richard B. Russell National
20 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(p)).

21 SEC. 749. Any funds made available by this or any
22 other Act that the Secretary withholds pursuant to section
23 1668(g)(2) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and
24 Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5921(g)(2)), as amended,
25 shall be available for grants for biotechnology risk assess-

1 ment research: *Provided*, That the Secretary may transfer
2 such funds among appropriations of the Department of
3 Agriculture for purposes of making such grants.

4 SEC. 750. Notwithstanding any other provision of
5 law, no funds available to the Department of Agriculture
6 may be used to move any staff office or any agency from
7 the mission area in which it was located on August 1,
8 2018, to any other mission area or office within the De-
9 partment in the absence of the enactment of specific legis-
10 lation affirming such move.

11 SEC. 751. The Secretary, acting through the Chief
12 of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, may use
13 funds appropriated under this Act or any other Act for
14 the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program
15 and the Watershed Rehabilitation Program carried out
16 pursuant to the Watershed Protection and Flood Preven-
17 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), and for the Emergency
18 Watershed Protection Program carried out pursuant to
19 section 403 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (16
20 U.S.C. 2203) to provide technical services for such pro-
21 grams pursuant to section 1252(a)(1) of the Food Secu-
22 rity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3851(a)(1)), notwithstanding
23 subsection (c) of such section.

24 SEC. 752. In administering the pilot program estab-
25 lished by section 779 of division A of the Consolidated Ap-

1 appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141), the Sec-
2 retary of Agriculture may, for purposes of determining en-
3 tities eligible to receive assistance, consider those commu-
4 nities which are “Areas Rural in Character”: *Provided*,
5 That not more than 10 percent of the funds made avail-
6 able under the heading “Distance Learning, Telemedicine,
7 and Broadband Program” for the purposes of the pilot
8 program established by section 779 of Public Law 115–
9 141 may be used for this purpose.

10 SEC. 753. In addition to amounts otherwise made
11 available, there is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000, to re-
12 main available until expended, for the Meat and Poultry
13 Processing Expansion Program established pursuant to
14 section 1001(b)(4) of the American Rescue Plan Act of
15 2021 (Public Law 117–2) to award grants to processors
16 of invasive, wild-caught catfish.

17 SEC. 754. There is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000,
18 to remain available until expended, to carry out Section
19 758 of division B of P.L. 118-42, in addition to amounts
20 otherwise available for such purpose.

21 SEC. 755. None of the funds appropriated or other-
22 wise made available by this Act may be used for diversity,
23 equity and inclusion initiatives, trainings, programs, of-
24 fices, officers, policies, or any program, project, or activity

1 that promotes or advances Critical Race Theory or any
2 concept associated with Critical Race Theory.

3 SEC. 756. None of the funds appropriated or other-
4 wise made available by this Act may be used by the Food
5 and Drug Administration (FDA) to issue or promote any
6 new guidelines or regulations applicable to food manufac-
7 turers for *Listeria monocytogenes* (Lm) until the FDA
8 considers the available new science in developing the Com-
9 pliance Policy Guide (CPG), Guidance for FDA Staff, Sec.
10 555.320 *Listeria monocytogenes*—regarding Lm in low-
11 risk foods, meaning foods that do not support the growth
12 of Lm.

13 SEC. 757. None of the funds appropriated or other-
14 wise made available by this Act may be used by the Food
15 and Drug Administration to develop, issue, promote or ad-
16 vance any final guidelines or new regulations applicable
17 to food manufacturers for long-term population-wide so-
18 dium reduction actions until an assessment is completed
19 on the impact of the short-term sodium reduction targets.

20 SEC. 758. For necessary expenses associated with
21 cotton classing activities pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 55, to in-
22 clude equipment and facility upgrades, and in addition to
23 any other funds made available for this purpose, there is
24 appropriated \$4,000,000, to remain available until Sep-
25 tember 30, 2027: *Provided*, That amounts made available

1 in this section shall be treated as funds collected by fees
2 authorized under Mar. 4, 1923, ch. 288, §5, 42 Stat.
3 1518, as amended (7 U.S.C. 55).

4 SEC. 759. Section 297A of the Agricultural Mar-
5 keting Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1639o) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through
7 (6) as paragraphs (4) through (8), respectively; and
8 (2) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the
9 following:

10 “(1) HEMP.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘hemp’
12 means the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. and any
13 part of that plant, including the seeds thereof
14 and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, iso-
15 mers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether
16 growing or not, with a total
17 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration (including
18 tetrahydrocannabinolic acid) of not more than
19 0.3 percent in the plant on a dry weight basis.

20 “(B) INCLUSION.—Such term includes in-
21 dustrial hemp.

22 “(C) EXCLUSIONS.—Such term does not
23 include—

24 “(i) any viable seeds from a *Cannabis*
25 *sativa* L. plant that exceeds a total

1 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration (in-
2 cluding tetrahydrocannabinolic acid) of 0.3
3 percent in the plant on a dry weight basis;
4 or

5 “(ii) any hemp-derived cannabinoid
6 products containing—

7 “(I) cannabinoids that are not
8 capable of being naturally produced
9 by a *Cannabis sativa L.* plant;

10 “(II) cannabinoids that—

11 “(aa) are capable of being
12 naturally produced by a *Cannabis*
13 *sativa L.* plant; and

14 “(bb) were synthesized or
15 manufactured outside the plant;

16 or

17 “(III) quantifiable amounts
18 based on substance, form, manufac-
19 ture, or article (as determined by the
20 Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
21 ices in consultation with the Secretary
22 of Agriculture) of—

23 “(aa) tetrahydrocannabinol
24 (including tetrahydrocannabinolic
25 acid); or

1 “(bb) any other
2 cannabinoids that have similar
3 effects (or are marketed to have
4 similar effects) on humans or
5 animals as tetrahydrocannabinol
6 (as determined by the Secretary
7 of Health and Human Services in
8 consultation with the Secretary
9 Agriculture).

10 “(2) INDUSTRIAL HEMP.—The term ‘industrial
11 hemp’ means hemp—

12 “(A) grown for the use of the stalk of the
13 plant, fiber produced from such a stalk, or any
14 other non-cannabinoid derivative, mixture, prep-
15 aration, or manufacture of such a stalk;

16 “(B) grown for the use of the whole grain,
17 oil, cake, nut, hull, or any other non-
18 cannabinoid compound, derivative, mixture,
19 preparation, or manufacture of the seeds of
20 such plant;

21 “(C) grown for purposes of producing
22 microgreens or other edible hemp leaf products
23 intended for human consumption that are de-
24 rived from an immature hemp plant that is
25 grown from seeds that do not exceed the

1 threshold for total tetrahydrocannabinol con-
2 centration specified in paragraph (1)(C)(i);

3 “(D) that is a plant that does not enter
4 the stream of commerce and is intended to sup-
5 port hemp research at an institution of higher
6 education (as defined in section 101 of the
7 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
8 1001)) or an independent research institute; or

9 “(E) grown for the use of a viable seed of
10 the plant produced solely for the production or
11 manufacture of any material described in sub-
12 paragraphs (A) through (D).

13 “(3) HEMP-DERIVED CANNABINOID PROD-
14 UCT.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘hemp-de-
16 rived cannabinoid product’ means any inter-
17 mediate or final product derived from hemp
18 (other than industrial hemp), that—

19 “(i) contains cannabinoids in any
20 form; and

21 “(ii) is intended for human or animal
22 use through any means of application or
23 administration, such as inhalation, inges-
24 tion, or topical application.

1 “(B) EXCLUSION.—Such term does not in-
2 clude a drug that is the subject of an applica-
3 tion approved under subsection (c) or (j) of sec-
4 tion 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
5 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 355).”.

6 SEC. 760. If services performed by APHIS employees
7 are determined by the Administrator of the Animal and
8 Plant Health Inspection Service to be in response to an
9 animal disease outbreak, any premium pay that is funded,
10 either directly or through reimbursement, shall be exempt-
11 ed from the aggregate of basic pay and premium pay cal-
12 culated under section 5547 of title 5, United States Code,
13 and any other provision of law limiting the aggregate
14 amount of premium pay payable on a biweekly or calendar
15 year basis: *Provided*, That this section shall take effect
16 as if enacted on January 1, 2023.

17 SEC. 761. None of the funds made available by this
18 Act may be used to pay the salaries or expenses of per-
19 sonnel—

20 (1) to inspect horses under section 3 of the
21 Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 603);

22 (2) to inspect horses under section 903 of the
23 Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of
24 1996 (7 U.S.C. 1901 note; Public Law 104–127); or

1 (3) to implement or enforce section 352.19 of
2 title 9, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor
3 regulation).

4 SEC. 762. The National Academies of Sciences, Engi-
5 neering and Medicine (NASEM) were tasked with pro-
6 viding findings and recommendations on alcohol consump-
7 tion for the purposes of inclusion in the 2025 Dietary
8 Guidelines for Americans as required by Section 772 of
9 Division A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023
10 (Public Law 117–328): *Provided*, That the Secretary of
11 Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Agri-
12 culture shall only consider the findings and recommenda-
13 tions of the NASEM report in the development of the
14 2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and further, both
15 Secretaries shall ensure that the alcohol consumption rec-
16 ommendations in the 2025 Dietary Guidelines for Ameri-
17 cans shall be based on the preponderance of scientific and
18 medical knowledge consistent with section 5341 of title 7
19 of United States Code.

20 SEC. 763. Notwithstanding any other provision of
21 law, the acceptable market name of any engineered animal
22 approved prior to the effective date of the National Bio-
23 engineered Food Disclosure Standard (February 19,
24 2019) shall include the words “genetically engineered”
25 prior to the existing acceptable market name.

1 SEC. 764. The Secretary of Agriculture shall be in-
2 cluded as a member of the Committee on Foreign Invest-
3 ment in the United States (CFIUS) on a case by case
4 basis pursuant to the authorities in section 721(k)(2)(J)
5 of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C.
6 4565(k)(2)(J)) with respect to each covered transaction
7 (as defined in section 721(a)(4) of the Defense Production
8 Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4565(a)(4))) involving agricultural
9 land, agriculture biotechnology, or the agriculture industry
10 (including agricultural transportation, agricultural stor-
11 age, and agricultural processing), as determined by the
12 CFIUS Chairperson in coordination with the Secretary of
13 Agriculture. The Secretary of Agriculture shall, to the
14 maximum extent practicable, notify the Committee on
15 Foreign Investment in the United States of any agricul-
16 tural land transaction that the Secretary of Agriculture
17 has reason to believe, based on information from or in co-
18 operation with the Intelligence Community, is a covered
19 transaction (A) that may pose a risk to the national secu-
20 rity of the United States, with particular emphasis on cov-
21 ered transactions of an interest in agricultural land by for-
22 eign governments or entities of concern, as defined in 42
23 U.S.C. 19221(a), including the People's Republic of
24 China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the
25 Russian Federation, and the Islamic Republic of Iran; and

1 (B) with respect to which a person is required to submit
2 a report to the Secretary of Agriculture under section 2(a)
3 of the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of
4 1978 (7 U.S.C. 3501(a)).

5 SEC. 765. The agencies and offices of the Depart-
6 ment of Agriculture may reimburse the Office of the Gen-
7 eral Counsel (OGC), out of the funds provided in this Act,
8 for costs incurred by OGC in providing services to such
9 agencies or offices under time-limited agreements entered
10 into with such agencies and offices: *Provided*, That such
11 transfer authority is in addition to any other transfer au-
12 thority provided by law.

13 SEC. 766. No funds appropriated by this Act may be
14 used to implement, administer, or enforce the
15 "Requirements for Additional Traceability Records for
16 Certain Foods" published on November 21, 2022 (87 Fed.
17 Reg. 70910), or any other rule promulgated in accordance
18 with section 204 of the FDA Food Safety Modernization
19 Act (21 U.S.C. 2223), prior to August 1, 2028, and until
20 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration:

21 (1) completes at least 4 evaluations or beta
22 tests using multiple products on the Food
23 Traceability List, in coordination with farms and
24 with food industry members operating restaurants,
25 retail food establishments, FDA registered food fa-

1 cilities, food packing facilities and warehouses dis-
2 tributing to retail food establishments, and res-
3 taurants, to—

4 (A) identify and test low-cost food
5 traceability technologies that track both the
6 traceability lot code and traceability lot code
7 source throughout the global supply chain and
8 evaluate the effectiveness of these technologies
9 and their economic feasibility for various sized
10 operations throughout the supply chain; and

11 (B) facilitate interoperability by assessing
12 industry standards and establishing a model
13 data format along with reusable templates that
14 allow diverse systems to communicate, share,
15 and use traceability data effectively;

16 (2) establishes a panel of experts to assess the
17 FDA’s foodborne illness traceback investigation
18 process, for both foreign and domestic food sup-
19 pliers, and to provide feedback for the evaluations or
20 beta tests. This panel shall include diverse stake-
21 holders, such as retailers, distributors, growers, state
22 and local officials, and public health officials. The
23 FDA shall publish the panel outcomes and rec-
24 ommendations no later than one year from the date
25 of enactment of this Act.

1 SEC. 767. Within 120 days of enactment of this Act,
2 the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting
3 through the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, shall de-
4 velop a plan, in consultation with the Department of State
5 and the governments of Abraham Accords countries, to
6 consider the location, duties, and personnel necessary to
7 carry out the functions of an Abraham Accords Bureau
8 within the Food and Drug Administration.

9 SEC. 768. (a) Section 260 of the Agricultural Mar-
10 keting Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1636i) is amended by strik-
11 ing “2025” and inserting “2026”.

12 (b) Section 942 of the Livestock Mandatory Report-
13 ing Act of 1999 (7 U.S.C. 1635 note; Public Law 106–
14 78) is amended by striking “2025” and inserting “2026”.

15 SEC. 769. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision
16 of law, not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
17 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall—

18 (1) amend the covered Food Packages to require the
19 inclusion of peanut-containing foods for the purposes of
20 early introduction of potentially allergenic foods; and

21 (2) ensure that all such peanut-containing foods eligi-
22 ble are safe for consumption by infants.

23 (b) The Secretary of Agriculture shall carry out sub-
24 section (a) in a manner consistent with the recommenda-
25 tions for early introduction of peanut-containing foods in-

1 cluded in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020-
2 2025, published under section 301 of the National Nutri-
3 tion Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990 (7
4 U.S.C. 5341).

5 (c) In this section, the term “covered Food Pack-
6 ages” means Food Packages I and II under section 246.10
7 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, as amended by
8 the rule entitled “Special Supplemental Nutrition Pro-
9 gram for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): Revisions
10 to the WIC Food Packages” published by the Department
11 of Agriculture in the Federal Register on April 18, 2024
12 (89 Fed. Reg. 28488).

13 SEC. 770. There is hereby appropriated \$1,500,000,
14 to remain available until expended, for grants under sec-
15 tion 12502 of Public Law 115–334.

16 SEC. 771. Section 7502 of the Food, Conservation,
17 and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-246; Stat. 2019;
18 132 Stat. 4817) is amended to read as follows:

19 **“SEC. 7502. GRAZINGLANDS RESEARCH LABORATORY.**

20 “Except as otherwise specifically authorized by law
21 and notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Fed-
22 eral land and facilities at El Reno, Oklahoma, adminis-
23 tered by the Secretary (as of the date of enactment of this
24 Act) as the Grazinglands Research Laboratory, shall not
25 at any time, in whole or in part, be declared to be excess

1 of surplus Federal Property under Chapter 5 of subtitle
2 I of title 40, United States Code, or otherwise be conveyed
3 or transferred in whole or in part, for the period beginning
4 on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on
5 September 30, 2026.”

6 SEC. 772. (a) ANIMAL FOOD INGREDIENTS DEEMED
7 GRAS.—Ingredients that are intended for use in animal
8 food and are not specifically authorized for such use by
9 the Food and Drug Administration as a food additive, a
10 color additive, or otherwise as of the date of enactment
11 of this Act, are deemed to be generally recognized as safe
12 under section 201(s) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
13 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 321(s)) (referred to in this section
14 as “GRAS”) for use in animal food for a certain species
15 if—

16 (1) such ingredients are included in the Official
17 Common or Usual Names and Definitions of Feed
18 Ingredients section of chapter 6 of the 2025 edition
19 of the ‘AAFCO Official Publication’ (or any subse-
20 quent amendments thereto or editions thereof) as ac-
21 cepted for use in such species, or where the species
22 is not identified or restricted; and

23 (2) there is no finding by the Food and Drug
24 Administration that such ingredients are not GRAS
25 for use in animal food for such species.

1 (b) CLAIMS THAT ANIMAL FOOD OR INGREDIENT IS
2 NATURAL.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Animal food whose label or
4 labeling bears a claim that the animal food (or an
5 ingredient thereof) is “natural” or whose advertising
6 makes such claim, shall not be treated as mis-
7 branded under section 403 of the Federal Food,
8 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 343) if the la-
9 bels and labeling of such food and such adver-
10 tising—

11 (A) are truthful, nonmisleading, and ade-
12 quately substantiated with scientifically vali-
13 dated protocols endorsed by guidance issued by
14 the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, where
15 available, and the food (or ingredient) is derived
16 solely from plant, animal, or mined sources—

17 (i) that exist in an unprocessed state;

18 or

19 (ii) notwithstanding having been sub-
20 ject to physical processing, heat processing,
21 rendering, purification, extraction, hydrol-
22 ysis, enzymolysis, or fermentation—

23 (I) have not been produced by, or
24 subject to, a chemically synthetic
25 process; and

1 (II) do not contain any additive
2 or processing aid that is chemically
3 synthetic, except in amounts as might
4 occur unavoidably using good manu-
5 facturing practices;

6 (B) use the term “natural” only to ref-
7 erence the animal food as a whole when all of
8 the ingredients and components of ingredients
9 meet the description in subparagraph (A); and

10 (C) in the case of the label or labeling of
11 an animal food that contains chemically syn-
12 thesized vitamins, minerals, or other trace nu-
13 trients used as ingredients in animal food and
14 such claim is made with respect to the animal
15 food as a whole, such label or labeling includes
16 a disclaimer that—

17 (i) discloses the addition of such vita-
18 mins, minerals, and other trace nutrients
19 by name or category;

20 (ii) is juxtaposed with the term “nat-
21 ural”; and

22 (iii) appears with the largest or most
23 prominent use of the term “natural” on
24 each panel of the label on which the term
25 appears, in the same style and color print

1 and at least one-half the size of the term
2 “natural”.

3 (2) PREEMPTION.—No State or a political sub-
4 division of a State may directly or indirectly estab-
5 lish, maintain, implement, or enforce any authority
6 or requirement relating to the labels, labeling, or ad-
7 vertising of animal food that is different from, or
8 more stringent than paragraph (1).

9 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
10 tion shall be construed to restrict State post-market food
11 safety oversight activities, including any such activities re-
12 lating to implementation of the FDA Food Safety Mod-
13 ernization Act (Public Law 111–353), outbreak investiga-
14 tions, surveillance sampling, or investigations of consumer
15 complaints.

16 (d) GUIDANCE.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
18 Human Services, acting through the Commissioner
19 of Food and Drugs (referred to in this subsection as
20 the “Secretary”), shall issue guidance addressing
21 each of the following topics:

22 (A) Methods for substantiating nutritional
23 adequacy of pet foods.

24 (B) Pet food metabolizable energy proto-
25 cols.

1 (C) Affidavits for pet food testing protocol
2 completion.

3 (D) Data to support a calorie content
4 claim for pet foods.

5 (E) Analytical variations for animal food.

6 (F) Recommendations for use of mena-
7 dione sodium bisulfite complex in animal feed.

8 (2) INITIAL GUIDANCE.—

9 (A) TIMING.—Not later than 18 months
10 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
11 retary shall issue initial guidance under this
12 subsection.

13 (B) BASIS.— The initial guidance under
14 subparagraph (A) shall be based on the guid-
15 ance contained in the 2025 edition of the
16 “AAFCO Official Publication”.

17 (e) REGULATIONS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
19 Human Services, acting through the Commissioner
20 of Food and Drugs, shall—

21 (A) not later than one year after the date
22 of enactment of this Act, issue proposed regula-
23 tions to implement the amendments made by
24 this section; and

1 (B) not later than two years after the date
2 of enactment of this Act, finalize such regula-
3 tions.

4 (2) CONTENTS.—The initial regulations pro-
5 mulgated to implement the amendments made by
6 this section shall include—

7 (A) for commercial feed, Regulation 1
8 through Regulation 10 of the “Model Regula-
9 tions Under the Model Bill” in chapter 4 of the
10 2025 edition of the “AAFCO Official Publica-
11 tion”; and

12 (B) for pet food and specialty pet food, PF
13 1 through PF 12 of the “Model Regulations for
14 Pet Food and Specialty Pet Food Under the
15 Model Bill” in chapter 4 of the 2025 edition of
16 the “AAFCO Official Publication”.

17 (f) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply with re-
18 spect to fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.

19 SEC. 773. None of the funds made available by this
20 Act or any other Act may be used to finalize, implement,
21 or enforce the proposed rule titled “Requirements for To-
22 bacco Product Manufacturing Practice”, published by the
23 Food and Drug Administration in the Federal Register
24 on March 10, 2023 (88 Fed. Reg. 15174), or any substan-
25 tially similar rule.

1 SEC. 774. None of the funds appropriated or other-
2 wise made available in this Act may be used to—

3 (1) Classify or facilitate the classification of any
4 communications by a United States person as mis-
5 , dis-, or mal-information; or

6 (2) Partner with or fund nonprofit or other or-
7 ganizations that in any way instruct, influence, di-
8 rect, or recommend private companies to censor,
9 prohibit, or obstruct lawful and constitutionally pro-
10 tected speech of United States persons, including
11 recommending the censoring or removal of content
12 on social media platforms.

13 SEC. 775. The Secretary of Agriculture shall—

14 (1) conduct a study to determine the feasibility
15 of applying the Buy American requirement (as de-
16 scribed in section 201.21(d) of title 7 of the Code
17 of Federal Regulations (2022)) to the supplemental
18 nutrition assistance program under the Food and
19 Nutrition Act of 2008, and the special supplemental
20 nutrition program as authorized by section 17 of the
21 Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786), in-
22 cluding the impact applying such requirement would
23 have on the agricultural economy of the United
24 States; and

1 (2) not later than one year after the date of en-
2 actment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit the
3 results of such study to the House and Senate Com-
4 mittees on Appropriations, the House Agriculture
5 Committee, and the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition,
6 and Forestry Committee.

7 SEC. 776. Section 17(b)(1)(A) of the Food and Nu-
8 trition Act of 2008 is amended by inserting “or improve
9 the health of members of participating households by re-
10 stricting their purchase of non-nutritious food and bev-
11 erage items, as determined by the Secretary” after
12 “households”.

13 SEC. 777. None of the funds made available by this
14 Act may be used by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Com-
15 missioner of Food and Drugs, the Chairman of the Com-
16 modity Futures Trading Commission, or the Chairman of
17 the Farm Credit Administration to fly or display a flag
18 over a facility of the Department of Agriculture, the Food
19 and Drug Administration, the Commodity Futures Trad-
20 ing Commission, or the Farm Credit Administration other
21 than the flag of the United States; the flag of a State,
22 territory, the District of Columbia; the flag of an Indian
23 Tribal Government; the official flag of a U.S. Department
24 or agency; or the Prisoners of War/Missing in Action flag.

1 (RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 778. Of the unobligated balances from prior
3 year appropriations made available for conservation activi-
4 ties under the heading “Natural Resources Conservation
5 Service—Conservation Operations”, \$100,000,000 are
6 hereby rescinded: *Provided*, That no amounts may be re-
7 scinded from amounts that were designated by the Con-
8 gress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concur-
9 rent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and
10 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

11 (RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

12 SEC. 779. Of the unobligated balances of amounts ap-
13 propriated or otherwise made available by section
14 10301(1)(A)(ii) of Public Law 117–169 (commonly re-
15 ferred to as the “Inflation Reduction Act of 2022”),
16 \$100,000,000 are hereby rescinded.

17 SEC. 780. (a) In general.—Notwithstanding section
18 7 of title 1, United States Code, section 1738C of title
19 28, United States Code, or any other provision of law,
20 none of the funds provided by this Act, or previous appro-
21 priations Acts, shall be used in whole or in part to take
22 any discriminatory action against a person, wholly or par-
23 tially, on the basis that such person speaks, or acts, in
24 accordance with a sincerely held religious belief, or moral

1 conviction, that marriage is, or should be recognized as,
2 a union of one man and one woman.

3 (b) Discriminatory action defined.—As used in sub-
4 section (a), a discriminatory action means any action
5 taken by the Federal Government to—

6 (1) alter in any way the Federal tax treatment
7 of, or cause any tax, penalty, or payment to be as-
8 sessed against, or deny, delay, or revoke an exemp-
9 tion from taxation under section 501(a) of the Inter-
10 nal Revenue Code of 1986 of, any person referred to
11 in subsection (a);

12 (2) disallow a deduction for Federal tax pur-
13 poses of any charitable contribution made to or by
14 such person;

15 (3) withhold, reduce the amount or funding for,
16 exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or
17 deny, any Federal grant, contract, subcontract, co-
18 operative agreement, guarantee, loan, scholarship, li-
19 cense, certification, accreditation, employment, or
20 other similar position or status from or to such per-
21 son;

22 (4) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or oth-
23 erwise make unavailable or deny, any entitlement or
24 benefit under a Federal benefit program, including
25 admission to, equal treatment in, or eligibility for a

1 degree from an educational program, from or to
2 such person; or

3 (5) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or oth-
4 erwise make unavailable or deny access or an entitle-
5 ment to Federal property, facilities, educational in-
6 stitutions, speech fora (including traditional, limited,
7 and nonpublic fora), or charitable fundraising cam-
8 paigns from or to such person.

9 (c) Accreditation; Licensure; Certification.—The
10 Federal Government shall consider accredited, licensed, or
11 certified for purposes of Federal law any person that
12 would be accredited, licensed, or certified, respectively, for
13 such purposes but for a determination against such person
14 wholly or partially on the basis that the person speaks,
15 or acts, in accordance with a sincerely held religious belief
16 or moral conviction described in subsection (a).

17 SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT

18 SEC. 781. \$0.

19 This Act may be cited as the “Agriculture, Rural De-
20 velopment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related
21 Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026”.

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A BILL

Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

JUNE 25, 2025

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed