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# H. R. 8042

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to expand outreach and assistance to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers who are women, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 24, 2026

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK (for herself, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. SALINAS, and Ms. BROWNLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

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

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Empowering Women  
5       in Agriculture Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FARMING OPPORTUNITIES TRAINING AND OUT-**  
2 **REACH.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2501(a) of the Food, Ag-  
4 riculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C.  
5 2279(a)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (6), by striking “racial or eth-  
7 nic prejudice” and inserting “racial, gender, or eth-  
8 nic prejudice”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(8) WOMEN’S NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—  
11 The term ‘women’s nonprofit organization’ means an  
12 organization that—

13 “(A) was founded by, and for the purpose  
14 of serving, women;

15 “(B) is an organization described in sec-  
16 tion 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
17 1986 and exempt from taxation under section  
18 501(a) of such Code; and

19 “(C) has been in continuous existence for  
20 at least 10 years.”.

21 (b) OUTREACH AND ASSISTANCE FOR SOCIALLY DIS-  
22 ADVANTAGED AND VETERAN FARMERS AND RANCH-  
23 ERS.—Section 2501(c)(1) of the Food, Agriculture, Con-  
24 servation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2279(c)(1))  
25 is amended by adding at the end the following:

26 “(H) A women’s nonprofit organization.”.

1       (c) FUNDING.—Section 2501(l) of the Food, Agri-  
2 culture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C.  
3 2279(l)) is amended—

4           (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “fiscal years  
5       2019 through 2023” and inserting “fiscal years  
6       2021 through 2031”; and

7           (2) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end the  
8       following:

9           “(C) SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED WOMEN  
10       FARMERS AND RANCHERS.—Not less than 10  
11       percent of the amounts made available to carry  
12       out subsection (c) for a fiscal year shall be used  
13       to support programs and services that address  
14       the needs of women who are socially disadvan-  
15       taged farmers or ranchers.”.

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