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H. R. 8446

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program to connect individuals seeking to transition away from farming with individuals seeking to become farmers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 22, 2026

Mr. LANDSMAN (for himself and Ms. McCLELLAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Family Farm Transi-
5 tion Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. FARM LAND LINK PROGRAM.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
8 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agri-

1 culture (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”)
2 shall establish a program to connect individuals seeking
3 to transition away from farming with individuals seeking
4 to become farmers.

5 (b) DUTIES.—The Secretary shall carry out the pro-
6 gram under subsection (a) by—

7 (1) establishing and maintaining a database
8 of—

9 (A) individuals seeking to transition away
10 from farming; and

11 (B) individuals seeking to become farmers;

12 (2) facilitating the transfer of farm businesses
13 and properties from individuals seeking to transition
14 away from farming to individuals seeking to become
15 farmers; and

16 (3) publishing guidance on the transfer of farm
17 businesses and properties.

18 (c) COMMISSION ON FARM TRANSITIONS STUDY RE-
19 SULTS.—In carrying out the duties under subsection (b),
20 the Secretary shall consider the results of the study under
21 section 12609(b) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of
22 2018.

23 (d) TERMINATION OF PROGRAM.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
25 graph (2), the program under subsection (a) shall

1 terminate on the date that is 5 years after the date
2 of enactment of this Act.

3 (2) EXTENSION OF PROGRAM.—Not later than
4 180 days before any date on which the program
5 under subsection (a) is scheduled to terminate, the
6 Secretary may extend such program for an addi-
7 tional period of 5 years.

8 (e) REPORTS.—

9 (1) BIENNIAL REPORTS.—Not later than 30
10 months after the date of enactment of this Act, and
11 annually thereafter until the date on which the pro-
12 gram terminates under subsection (d), the Secretary
13 shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the
14 House of Representatives and the Committee on Ag-
15 riculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a
16 report describing any steps taken to implement the
17 program under subsection (a) and any results
18 achieved by such program during the 1-year period
19 ending on the date that is 180 days prior to the sub-
20 mission of such report.

21 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
22 after the date on which the program terminates
23 under subsection (d), the Secretary shall submit to
24 the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Rep-
25 resentatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nu-

1 trition, and Forestry of the Senate a report describ-
2 ing any steps taken to implement the program under
3 subsection (a) and any results achieved by such pro-
4 gram during the period beginning on the date of the
5 last report under paragraph (1) and ending on the
6 date on which the program terminates under sub-
7 section (d).

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