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# S. 4148

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. MARSHALL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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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 “Homegrown Fertilizer  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FERTILIZER FOR AMERICAN FARMERS.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-  
2           ty” means an entity eligible for a grant or loan  
3           under this section in accordance with subsection (c).

4           (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
5           the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the  
6           Under Secretary for Rural Development.

7           (3) STATE.—The term “State” means—

8                     (A) the 50 States; and

9                     (B) the District of Columbia.

10          (4) UNITED STATES.—The term “United  
11          States” means—

12                    (A) the States;

13                    (B) the territories of the United States;

14                    and

15                    (C) the territory of Indian Tribes.

16          (b) GRANTS AND LOANS.—The Secretary shall pro-  
17          vide grants and direct or guaranteed loans to assist eligi-  
18          ble entities in increasing or expanding the manufacturing,  
19          processing, and storage of fertilizer and nutrient alter-  
20          natives in the United States.

21          (c) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—

22                (1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible for a grant or  
23          loan under this section, an entity shall be—

24                    (A) an independently owned and oper-  
25          ated—

- 1 (i) for-profit business or corporation;
- 2 (ii) nonprofit organization;
- 3 (iii) producer-owned cooperative or
- 4 corporation; or
- 5 (iv) certified benefit corporation;
- 6 (B) an Indian Tribe or Tribal organiza-
- 7 tion; or
- 8 (C) a State or local government.

9 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—To be eligible for a grant  
 10 or loan under this section, an entity described in  
 11 paragraph (1) shall—

- 12 (A) be physically located within the United
- 13 States;
- 14 (B) comply with all Federal, State, Tribal,
- 15 and local regulations governing fertilizer and
- 16 nutrient manufacturing, processing, storage,
- 17 distribution, and waste management; and
- 18 (C) certify to the Secretary that the entity
- 19 does not hold a market share (in manufac-
- 20 turing, processing, or distribution) greater than
- 21 or equal to the entity that holds the fourth-larg-
- 22 est share of that market for nitrogen, phos-
- 23 phate, potash, or any combination of thereof.

24 (d) PRIORITIES.—In awarding grants and loans  
 25 under this section, the Secretary shall give priority to eligi-

1 ble entities that will use the grant or loan for a proposal  
 2 for a project—

3 (1) that will improve on fertilizer production  
 4 methods and efficient use technologies to promote  
 5 innovation in fertilizers, nutrient alternatives, and  
 6 biostimulants;

7 (2) the additional fertilizer or nutrient alter-  
 8 native manufacturing, processing, or storage capac-  
 9 ity created by which will be dedicated to United  
 10 States agricultural commodity production; or

11 (3) that demonstrates the project will improve  
 12 competition, increase options, and reduce prices or  
 13 volatility of fertilizer products or nutrient alter-  
 14 natives important for farmers.

15 (e) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—An eligible entity that re-  
 16 ceives a grant or loan under this section may use the grant  
 17 or loan for—

18 (1) building a new facility, buying an existing  
 19 facility, or purchasing land for a facility;

20 (2) covering predevelopment costs, such as engi-  
 21 neering and other professional fees;

22 (3) providing working capital to expand capac-  
 23 ity or increase outputs;

1           (4) modernizing or expanding an existing facil-  
2           ity, including making updates to existing buildings  
3           or constructing new buildings on site;

4           (5) purchasing or modernizing processing and  
5           manufacturing equipment;

6           (6) developing, customizing, and installing  
7           equipment, devices, and technology to improve proc-  
8           essing functions, worker conditions, or safety;

9           (7) installing or updating equipment that re-  
10          duces emissions, increases fertilizer use efficiency, or  
11          improves air and water quality;

12          (8) ensuring legal compliance with packaging  
13          and labeling requirements, such as sealing, boxing,  
14          labeling, and conveying;

15          (9) confirming legal compliance with occupa-  
16          tional and safety regulations;

17          (10) engaging in workforce recruitment, train-  
18          ing, apprenticeships, and retention to ensure expan-  
19          sion projects are adequately staffed;

20          (11) increasing domestic storage of fertilizer or  
21          nutrient alternatives; and

22          (12) such other activities as the Secretary de-  
23          termines to be appropriate.

24          (f) GRANT AMOUNT.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The amount of a grant  
2           under this section shall not exceed \$100,000,000.

3           (2) MATCHING FUNDS.—An eligible entity that  
4           receives a grant under this section shall provide non-  
5           Federal matching funds in an amount that is equal  
6           to the amount of the grant.

7           (g) LOAN TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—Except as oth-  
8           erwise provided in this section, the terms and conditions  
9           of a loan under this section shall be the same as the terms  
10          and conditions of a business and industry direct or guar-  
11          anteed loan under section 310B(g) of the Consolidated  
12          Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(g)).

13          (h) DURATION.—

14               (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may provide a  
15               grant or loan under this section for a project that  
16               is not longer than 5 years.

17               (2) EXTENSION.—The Secretary may extend  
18               the period described in paragraph (1) if the Sec-  
19               retary determines an extension is appropriate.

20          (i) COMBINATION AND NONSUPPLANTATION OF  
21          OTHER FUNDS.—

22               (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall use the  
23               amounts made available to carry out this section to  
24               supplement, and not supplant, funds provided under  
25               other Federal, State, or local laws.

1           (2) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall co-  
2           ordinate with other Federal agencies, such as the  
3           Department of Energy, and State, regional, or local  
4           agencies to allow applicants under this section to  
5           package proposals to be considered under relevant  
6           authorities jointly.

7           (j) CONDITION.—As a condition on receipt of a grant  
8           or loan under this section, the grant or loan recipient shall  
9           repay the grant or loan in full if any company or facility  
10          developed through the project using the grant or loan, or  
11          most or all of the assets of such company or facility, is  
12          sold, is transferred, or otherwise changes ownership, dur-  
13          ing the 10-year period beginning on the completion of the  
14          project, to an entity that holds a market share (in manu-  
15          facturing, processing, or distribution) greater than or  
16          equal to the entity that holds the fourth-largest share of  
17          that market for nitrogen, phosphate, potash, or any com-  
18          bination of thereof.

19          (k) FUNDING.—In addition to other available funds,  
20          the Secretary may use the authority under section 5 of  
21          the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15  
22          U.S.C. 714c) to transfer such sums of the funds of the  
23          Commodity Credit Corporation from available borrowing

- 1 authority as the Secretary determines to be appropriate
- 2 to carry out this section.

