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To establish in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice a position with responsibility for agricultural antitrust matters.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORAN of Kansas (for himself and Mr. LATHAM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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. ESTABLISHMENT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—There shall be established within
5 the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice a po-
6 sition the primary responsibility of which shall be to pro-
7 vide assistance and advice to the Assistant Attorney Gen-
8 eral of the Antitrust Division to further the effective en-
9 forcement of the antitrust laws with respect to the food
10 and agricultural sectors.

1 (b) APPOINTMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the President shall ap-
3 point, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,
4 and an individual to the position described in subsection
5 (a).

6 (c) FUNCTIONS.—The responsibilities of the position
7 established under subsection (a) shall include all actions
8 appropriate to furthering effective enforcement of the
9 antitrust laws with respect to the food and agricultural
10 sectors, including—

11 (1) assisting and advising with respect to the
12 investigation of possible restraints of trade;

13 (2) assisting and advising with respect to the
14 investigation of mergers and acquisitions; and

15 (3) ensuring that any investigation described in
16 paragraphs (1) or (2) takes into account the effects
17 of the conduct or transaction under investigation on
18 consumers, agricultural producers and rural commu-
19 nities.

20 **SEC. 2. ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.**

21 Nothing in this Act shall affect or limit the authority
22 of the Attorney General or the Assistant Attorney General
23 of the Antitrust Division to delegate or assign functions
24 relating to the enforcement of any provision of law.

1 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE PERIOD.**

2 This Act shall be effective until the date that is 5
3 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

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