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To provide grants to enhance the most effective freezing methods to improve access to affordable and locally produced specialty crops.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

Mr. CARSON of Indiana (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. RANGEL) 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 “Preserving Healthy
5 Food for the Hungry Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. QUICK FREEZE AND FLASH FREEZE LOCAL**
 2 **PRODUCE GRANTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 231 of the Agricultural
 4 Risk Protection Act of 2000 (7 U.S.C. 1632a) is amend-
 5 ed—

6 (1) in subsection (b)(7)—

7 (A) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
 8 “and subsection (f)” after “subsection”; and

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

10 “(D) PRIORITY TO BE GIVEN TO MAKING
 11 QUICK FREEZE AND FLASH FREEZE LOCAL
 12 PRODUCE GRANTS.—In expending funds under
 13 this paragraph, the Secretary shall give priority
 14 to making grants under subsection (f).”;

15 (2) in subsection (e)(2), by inserting “, except
 16 pursuant to subsection (f)” before the period; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(f) QUICK FREEZE AND FLASH FREEZE LOCAL
 19 PRODUCE GRANTS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability
 21 of appropriations to carry out this section, the Sec-
 22 retary shall make a grant of at least \$100,000 for
 23 each of the fiscal years 2014 through 2019 to any
 24 institution eligible to receive funds under the Act of
 25 July 2, 1862 (12 Stat. 503–505, as amended; 7
 26 U.S.C. 301–305, 307 and 308), or the Act of Au-

1 gust 30, 1890 (26 Stat. 417–419, as amended; 7
2 U.S.C. 321–326 and 328) that applies therefor, to
3 assist persons in preserving the quality and shelf-life
4 of fruit and vegetable crops produced by the persons
5 on qualified land, through the use of mobile and
6 fixed flash freezing and quick freezing units and
7 other units utilizing freezing methods which produce
8 the same result, in accordance with any applicable
9 Federal, State, or local food safety law, regulation,
10 or ordinance.

11 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

12 “(A) QUALIFIED LAND.—The term ‘quali-
13 fied land’ means, with respect to a person, any
14 plot of land owned or operated by the person,
15 the annual gross sales from the specialty crops
16 produced on which are not more than
17 \$249,000.

18 “(B) SPECIALTY CROP.—The term ‘spe-
19 cialty crop’ has the meaning provided in section
20 3(1) of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act
21 of 2004.”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
23 subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 2013.

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