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H. R. 7490

To amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants for improvements to meat and poultry facilities to allow for interstate shipment, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PETERSON (for himself, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. COSTA, Mr. ADERHOLT, and Ms. CRAIG) 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 “Requiring Assistance
5 to Meat Processors for Upgrading Plants Act” or the
6 “RAMP-UP Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MEAT AND POUL-**
2 **TRY FACILITIES TO ALLOW FOR INTERSTATE**
3 **SHIPMENT.**

4 The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C.
5 1621 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 **“Subtitle H—Grants for Improve-**
8 **ments to Meat and Poultry Fa-**
9 **cilities to Allow for Interstate**
10 **Shipment**

11 **“SEC. 298. GRANTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MEAT AND**
12 **POULTRY FACILITIES TO ALLOW FOR INTER-**
13 **STATE SHIPMENT.**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
15 the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service
16 and in consultation with the Administrator of the Food
17 Safety Inspection Service, shall make grants to meat and
18 poultry processing facilities in operation as of the date on
19 which an application for such a grant is made to assist
20 such facilities with respect to costs incurred in making im-
21 provements to such facilities and carrying out other plan-
22 ning activities necessary to be subject to inspection under
23 the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.),
24 or the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451
25 et seq.).

1 “(b) GRANT AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant under
2 this section shall not exceed \$100,000.

3 “(c) CONDITION.—As a condition on receipt of a
4 grant under this section, a grant recipient shall agree that
5 if the recipient is not subject to inspection or making a
6 good faith effort to be subject to inspection under the Fed-
7 eral Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) or the
8 Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.)
9 within 36 months of receiving such grant, the grant recipi-
10 ent shall make a payment (or payments) to the Secretary
11 in an amount equal to the amount of the grant.

12 “(d) MATCHING FUNDS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall require
14 a grant recipient to provide matching nonFederal
15 funds in an amount equal to the amount of a grant.

16 “(2) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary shall not re-
17 quire any grant recipient to provide matching funds
18 with respect to a grant awarded in fiscal years 2020
19 or 2021.

20 “(e) REPORTS.—

21 “(1) REPORTS ON GRANTS MADE.—Beginning
22 not later than one year after the date on which the
23 first grant is awarded under this section, and annu-
24 ally thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the
25 Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on

1 Appropriations of the House of Representatives and
2 the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and For-
3 estry and the Committee on Appropriations of the
4 Senate a report on grants made under this section
5 and any facilities that were upgraded using such
6 funds during the year covered by the report.

7 “(2) REPORT ON THE COOPERATIVE INTER-
8 STATE SHIPMENT PROGRAM.—Beginning not later
9 than one year after the date of the enactment of this
10 section, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee
11 on Agriculture and the Committee on Appropriations
12 of the House of Representatives and the Committee
13 on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and the
14 Committee on Appropriations of the Senate a report
15 of any recommendations, developed in consultation
16 with States, for possible improvements to the cooper-
17 ative interstate shipment program under section 501
18 of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 683)
19 or section 31 of the Poultry Products Inspection Act
20 (21 U.S.C. 472).

21 “(f) FUNDING.—

22 “(1) MANDATORY FUNDING.—Of the funds of
23 the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary
24 shall use \$80,000,000 for the period of fiscal years

1 2020 through 2023, to remain available until ex-
2 pending.

3 “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
5 this section \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years
6 2021 through 2023.”.

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