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# H. R. 1613

To amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to require the research and development of a policy to insure the production of mushrooms.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HOULAHAN (for herself and Mr. MEUSER) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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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 “Protecting Mushroom  
5 Farmers Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON MUSHROOMS.**

7 Section 522(c) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7  
8 U.S.C. 1522(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
9 lowing:

10 “(20) MUSHROOMS.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall  
2 carry out research and development, or offer to  
3 enter into 1 or more contracts with 1 or more  
4 qualified persons to carry out research and de-  
5 velopment, regarding a policy to insure—

6                   “(i) the production of mushroom  
7 growing media; and

8                   “(ii) the production of mushrooms.

9           “(B) AVAILABILITY OF POLICY.—Notwith-  
10 standing the second sentence of section  
11 508(a)(1), and section 508(a)(2), the Corpora-  
12 tion shall make a policy described in subpara-  
13 graph (A) available if the requirements of sec-  
14 tion 508(h) are met.

15           “(C) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DE-  
16 SCRIBED.—Research and development described  
17 in subparagraph (A) shall evaluate the effective-  
18 ness of policies described in that subparagraph,  
19 including policies that—

20                   “(i) are based on the risk of—

21                           “(I) pests, including mushroom  
22 phorid flies and sciarid flies;

23                           “(II) fungal pathogens; and

24                           “(III) viral pathogens;

1           “(ii) consider other causes of loss ap-  
2           plicable to mushroom compost and mush-  
3           room production, such as—

4                   “(I) a loss of electricity due to  
5                   weather; and

6                   “(II) loss of growing media due  
7                   to excessive 5-year, 10-year, or 20-  
8                   year rainfall events;

9           “(iii) consider appropriate best prac-  
10           tices to minimize the risk of loss;

11                   “(iv) consider whether to provide cov-  
12                   erage for mushrooms under 1 policy or to  
13                   provide coverage for various phases of pro-  
14                   duction;

15                   “(v) have streamlined reporting and  
16                   paperwork requirements that take into ac-  
17                   count short propagation schedules, variable  
18                   crop years, and the variety of mushrooms  
19                   that may be produced in a single facility;  
20                   and

21                   “(vi) provide protection for revenue  
22                   losses.

23           “(D) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years  
24           after the date of enactment of this paragraph,  
25           the Corporation shall submit to the Committee

1 on Agriculture of the House of Representatives  
2 and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,  
3 and Forestry of the Senate a report that de-  
4 scribes—

5 “(i) the results of the research and  
6 development carried out under subpara-  
7 graph (A); and

8 “(ii) any recommendations with re-  
9 spect to those results.”.

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