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To establish an advisory panel to study the development of a climate-friendly certification for agricultural products, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BROWNLEY 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 “Climate-Friendly Food
5 Label Task Force Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) 10 percent of the greenhouse gas emissions
9 emitted by the United States come from the agricul-
10 tural sector.

1 (2) Sustainable agricultural practices that re-
2 duce greenhouse gas emissions and prevent deforest-
3 ation will be critical to preventing the Earth from
4 reaching 1.5 degrees Celsius warmer than pre-indus-
5 trial levels, the threshold that would result in cata-
6 strophic climate-related effects.

7 (3) Improving the agricultural sector’s impact
8 on the climate is a vital component of efforts by the
9 U.S. to meet its contributions to the Paris Agree-
10 ment.

11 (4) The USDA Organic label represents a suc-
12 cessful model for using a voluntary, market-based
13 approaches to driving innovation in the agricultural
14 sector and successfully created a robust organic
15 market in the United States.

16 (5) Market-based approaches like USDA Or-
17 ganic can spark significant economic benefits includ-
18 ing jobs, and new, higher revenues for farmers.

19 (6) In 2021, organic farming totaled
20 \$11,200,000,000 in sales, created opportunity for
21 17,445 organic farms, and 28 percent of organic
22 farmers planned to continue to grow their level or
23 organic production. A similar voluntary, market-
24 based approach to climate-friendly agricultural prac-

1 tices could create comparable economic benefits for
2 farmers and workers.

3 **SEC. 3. STUDY OF CLIMATE-FRIENDLY CERTIFICATION FOR**
4 **AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an advi-
6 sory panel to carry out the study described in subsection
7 (c).

8 (b) MEMBERS.—The advisory panel established
9 under subsection (a) shall be composed of members ap-
10 pointed by the Secretary of Agriculture and shall in-
11 clude—

12 (1) representatives—

13 (A) that are scientists, including experts
14 on climate science and nutrition science;

15 (B) of environmental advocacy organiza-
16 tions;

17 (C) of industry, including food manufac-
18 turing and farming; and

19 (D) of other stakeholders, as the Secretary
20 of Agriculture determines appropriate; and

21 (2) at least one representative from each of the
22 following:

23 (A) The Department of Agriculture.

24 (B) The Environmental Protection Agency.

1 (C) The Centers for Disease Control and
2 Prevention.

3 (D) The Food and Drug Administration.

4 (E) The National Academy of Sciences.

5 (F) Any other Federal agency the Sec-
6 retary of Agriculture determines appropriate.

7 (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, the panel shall sub-
9 mit to the Secretary of Agriculture and Congress a report
10 that includes—

11 (1) recommendations regarding the development
12 of a climate-friendly certification for agricultural
13 products that—

14 (A) moves agricultural producers toward
15 reducing greenhouse gas emissions on a lifecycle
16 basis; and

17 (B) uses market-based approaches that al-
18 lows for greater consumer choice and education;
19 and

20 (2) how such a certification would measure—

21 (A) the life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions
22 of agricultural products;

23 (B) the water usage in production of agri-
24 cultural products;

1 (C) the land use effects of agricultural
2 products; and

3 (D) any additional criteria the panel deter-
4 mines appropriate.

5 (d) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary of Agriculture
6 shall make the report required under subsection (c) pub-
7 licly available on the website of the Department of Agri-
8 culture.

9 (e) MORATORIUM ON USE OF CLIMATE-FRIENDLY
10 CERTIFICATION DURING STUDY.—The Secretary of Agri-
11 culture may not issue any regulations or guidance or oth-
12 erwise certify or advertise any agricultural product as cli-
13 mate-friendly before the date on which the report required
14 under subsection (c) is submitted to Congress.

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