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H. R. 4947

To prohibit the use of race-based or sex-based criteria in the administration of certain Department of Agriculture programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 12, 2025

Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself, Mr. PERRY, Mr. ALFORD, Mr. WIED, and Mr. RULLI) 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 “No Discrimination in
5 Farm Programs Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING THE USE OF RACE-BASED OR SEX-**
2 **BASED CRITERIA IN THE ADMINISTRATION**
3 **OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**
4 **PROGRAMS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture,
6 with respect to covered programs—

7 (1) may not apply race-based or sex-based cri-
8 teria in the decision-making processes of the Sec-
9 retary involved in administering such programs; and

10 (2) shall ensure such programs are adminis-
11 tered in a manner that upholds the principles of
12 meritocracy, fairness, and equal opportunity for all
13 participants.

14 (b) COVERED PROGRAM DEFINED.—In this section,
15 the term “covered program” means the following pro-
16 grams:

17 (1) Pandemic assistance programs designed to
18 support agricultural producers impacted by the
19 COVID–19 pandemic, including the Coronavirus
20 Food Assistance Program and the Pandemic Assist-
21 ance Revenue Program under part 9 of title 7, Code
22 of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations).

23 (2) The Federal Crop Insurance program under
24 the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et
25 seq.).

1 (3) The Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program
2 under section 1240B(g) of the Food Security Act of
3 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa-2(g)).

4 (4) Indemnity payment programs specified in
5 part 760 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (or
6 successor regulations).

7 (5) Farm loan programs (including guaranteed
8 farm loans and inventory property management)
9 under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-
10 ment Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.).

11 (6) The conservation reserve program estab-
12 lished under subchapter B of chapter 1 of subtitle
13 D of title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16
14 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.).

15 (7) Agricultural management assistance pro-
16 vided under section 524 of the Federal Crop Insur-
17 ance Act (7 U.S.C. 1524).

18 (8) The agricultural conservation easement pro-
19 gram under subtitle H of the Food Security Act of
20 1985 (7 U.S.C. 3865 et seq.), including wetlands re-
21 serve easements available through such program.

22 (9) Rural development programs under the
23 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7
24 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.).

1 (10) Loans guarantee programs under section
2 306(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Devel-
3 opment Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)), section 310B(a) of
4 such Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(a)), and section 9007 of
5 the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of
6 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107).

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