

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8042

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to expand outreach and assistance to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers who are women, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 24, 2026

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK (for herself, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. SALINAS, and 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 “Empowering Women
5 in Agriculture Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FARMING OPPORTUNITIES TRAINING AND OUT-**
2 **REACH.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2501(a) of the Food, Ag-
4 riculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C.
5 2279(a)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (6), by striking “racial or eth-
7 nic prejudice” and inserting “racial, gender, or eth-
8 nic prejudice”; and

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

10 “(8) WOMEN’S NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—
11 The term ‘women’s nonprofit organization’ means an
12 organization that—

13 “(A) was founded by, and for the purpose
14 of serving, women;

15 “(B) is an organization described in sec-
16 tion 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of
17 1986 and exempt from taxation under section
18 501(a) of such Code; and

19 “(C) has been in continuous existence for
20 at least 10 years.”.

21 (b) OUTREACH AND ASSISTANCE FOR SOCIALLY DIS-
22 ADVANTAGED AND VETERAN FARMERS AND RANCH-
23 ERS.—Section 2501(c)(1) of the Food, Agriculture, Con-
24 servation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2279(c)(1))
25 is amended by adding at the end the following:

26 “(H) A women’s nonprofit organization.”.

1 (c) FUNDING.—Section 2501(l) of the Food, Agri-
2 culture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C.
3 2279(l)) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “fiscal years
5 2019 through 2023” and inserting “fiscal years
6 2021 through 2031”; and

7 (2) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end the
8 following:

9 “(C) SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED WOMEN
10 FARMERS AND RANCHERS.—Not less than 10
11 percent of the amounts made available to carry
12 out subsection (c) for a fiscal year shall be used
13 to support programs and services that address
14 the needs of women who are socially disadvan-
15 taged farmers or ranchers.”.

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