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AN ACT

Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development,
Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies
programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027,
and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
2 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for Ag-
3 riculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administra-
4 tion, and Related Agencies programs for fiscal year ending
5 September 30, 2027, and for other purposes, namely:

6 TITLE I

7 AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

8 PROCESSING, RESEARCH, AND MARKETING

9 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

10 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

11 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary,
12 \$55,261,000 of which not to exceed \$6,000,000 shall be
13 available for the immediate Office of the Secretary, of
14 which \$500,000 shall be for the Office of Seafood; not to
15 exceed \$15,259,000 shall be available for the Office of
16 Homeland Security; not to exceed \$5,190,000 shall be
17 available for the Office of Tribal Relations; not to exceed
18 \$2,000,000 shall be available for the Office of Partner-
19 ships and Public Engagement; not to exceed \$18,315,000
20 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary
21 for Administration, of which \$17,015,000 shall be avail-
22 able for Departmental Administration to provide for nec-
23 essary expenses for management support services to of-
24 fices of the Department and for general administration,
25 security, repairs and alterations, and other miscellaneous

1 supplies and expenses not otherwise provided for and nec-
2 essary for the practical and efficient work of the Depart-
3 ment: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to
4 an agency in the Administration mission area for salaries
5 and expenses are available to fund up to one administra-
6 tive support staff for the Office; not to exceed \$3,500,000
7 shall be available for the Office of Assistant Secretary for
8 Congressional Relations and Intergovernmental Affairs to
9 carry out the programs funded by this Act, including pro-
10 grams involving intergovernmental affairs and liaison
11 within the executive branch; and not to exceed \$4,997,000
12 shall be available for the Office of Communications: *Pro-*
13 *vided further*, That the Secretary of Agriculture is author-
14 ized to transfer funds appropriated for any office of the
15 Office of the Secretary to any other office of the Office
16 of the Secretary: *Provided further*, That no appropriation
17 for any office shall be increased or decreased by more than
18 5 percent: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$22,000
19 of the amount made available under this paragraph for
20 the immediate Office of the Secretary shall be available
21 for official reception and representation expenses, not oth-
22 erwise provided for, as determined by the Secretary: *Pro-*
23 *vided further*, That the amount made available under this
24 heading for Departmental Administration shall be reim-
25 bursed from applicable appropriations in this Act for trav-

1 el expenses incident to the holding of hearings as required
 2 by 5 U.S.C. 551–558: *Provided further*, That funds made
 3 available under this heading for the Office of the Assistant
 4 Secretary for Congressional Relations and Intergovern-
 5 mental Affairs shall be transferred to agencies of the De-
 6 partment of Agriculture funded by this Act to maintain
 7 personnel at the agency level: *Provided further*, That no
 8 funds made available under this heading for the Office of
 9 Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations may be
 10 obligated after 30 days from the date of enactment of this
 11 Act, unless the Secretary has notified the Committees on
 12 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the alloca-
 13 tion of these funds by USDA agency: *Provided further*,
 14 That during any 30 day notification period referenced in
 15 section 716 of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall
 16 take no action to begin implementation of the action that
 17 is subject to section 716 of this Act or make any public
 18 announcement of such action in any form.

19 EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

20 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ECONOMIST

21 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief
 22 Economist, \$29,500,000, of which \$10,000,000 shall be
 23 for grants or cooperative agreements for policy research
 24 under 7 U.S.C. 3155: *Provided*, That of the amounts made
 25 available under this heading, \$500,000 shall be available

1 to carry out section 224 of subtitle A of the Department
 2 of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C.
 3 6924), as amended by section 12504 of Public Law 115–
 4 334.

5 OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

6 For necessary expenses of the Office of Hearings and
 7 Appeals, \$10,203,000.

8 OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

9 For necessary expenses of the Office of Budget and
 10 Program Analysis, \$13,967,000.

11 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

12 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief In-
 13 formation Officer, \$134,913,000 (reduced by \$2,000,000)
 14 (reduced by \$2,000,000) (reduced by \$2,000,000) (re-
 15 duced by \$2,000,000) (reduced by \$2,500,000), of which
 16 not less than \$60,032,000 is for cybersecurity require-
 17 ments of the department.

18 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

19 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Fi-
 20 nancial Officer, \$5,813,000 (reduced by \$500,000).

21 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CIVIL

22 RIGHTS

23 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Assistant
 24 Secretary for Civil Rights, \$1,309,000: *Provided*, That
 25 funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Civil

1 Rights mission area for salaries and expenses are available
2 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-
3 fice.

4 OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights,
6 \$20,000,000.

7 AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

9 For payment of space rental and related costs pursu-
10 ant to Public Law 92–313, including authorities pursuant
11 to the 1984 delegation of authority from the Adminis-
12 trator of General Services to the Department of Agri-
13 culture under 40 U.S.C. 121, for programs and activities
14 of the Department which are included in this Act, and for
15 alterations and other actions needed for the Department
16 and its agencies to consolidate unneeded space into con-
17 figurations suitable for release to the Administrator of
18 General Services, and for the operation, maintenance, im-
19 provement, and repair of Agriculture buildings and facili-
20 ties, and for related costs, \$20,000,000, to remain avail-
21 able until expended.

22 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

23 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

24 For necessary expenses of the Department of Agri-
25 culture, to comply with the Comprehensive Environmental

1 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.
2 9601 et seq.) and the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C.
3 6901 et seq.), \$1,000,000, to remain available until ex-
4 pended: *Provided*, That appropriations and funds available
5 herein to the Department for Hazardous Materials Man-
6 agement may be transferred to any agency of the Depart-
7 ment for its use in meeting all requirements pursuant to
8 the above Acts on Federal and non-Federal lands.

9 OFFICE OF SAFETY, SECURITY, AND PROTECTION

10 For necessary expenses of the Office of Safety, Secu-
11 rity, and Protection, \$19,100,000.

12 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

13 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
14 General, including employment pursuant to the Inspector
15 General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–452; 5 U.S.C. App.),
16 \$99,975,000 (increased by \$2,000,000) (reduced by
17 \$2,000,000) (increased by \$2,000,000), including such
18 sums as may be necessary for contracting and other ar-
19 rangements with public agencies and private persons pur-
20 suant to section 6(a)(9) of the Inspector General Act of
21 1978 (Public Law 95–452; 5 U.S.C. App.), and including
22 not to exceed \$125,000 for certain confidential operational
23 expenses, including the payment of informants, to be ex-
24 pended under the direction of the Inspector General pur-
25 suant to the Inspector General Act of 1978 (Public Law

1 95–452; 5 U.S.C. App.) and section 1337 of the Agri-
2 culture and Food Act of 1981 (Public Law 97–98).

3 OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

4 For necessary expenses of the Office of the General
5 Counsel, \$46,500,000 (reduced by \$2,000,000) (reduced
6 by \$2,000,000).

7 OFFICE OF ETHICS

8 For necessary expenses of the Office of Ethics,
9 \$4,136,000.

10 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH,

11 EDUCATION, AND ECONOMICS

12 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
13 Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics,
14 \$1,500,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
15 Act to an agency in the Research, Education, and Eco-
16 nomics mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-
17 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for
18 the Office: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made
19 available under this heading, \$500,000 shall be made
20 available for the Office of the Chief Scientist.

21 ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE

22 For necessary expenses of the Economic Research
23 Service, \$90,612,000.

1 NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

2 For necessary expenses of the National Agricultural
3 Statistics Service, \$187,500,000, of which up to
4 \$48,500,000 shall be available until expended for the Cen-
5 sus of Agriculture: *Provided*, That amounts made available
6 for the Census of Agriculture may be used to conduct Cur-
7 rent Industrial Report surveys subject to 7 U.S.C.
8 2204g(d) and (f): *Provided further*, That the Secretary
9 shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of both
10 Houses of Congress in writing at least 30 days prior to
11 discontinuing data collection programs and reports.

12 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

13 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

14 For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Research
15 Service and for acquisition of lands by donation, exchange,
16 or purchase at a nominal cost not to exceed \$100,000 and
17 with prior notification and approval of the Committees on
18 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, and for land
19 exchanges where the lands exchanged shall be of equal
20 value or shall be equalized by a payment of money to the
21 grantor which shall not exceed 25 percent of the total
22 value of the land or interests transferred out of Federal
23 ownership, \$1,795,813,000 (increased by \$500,000) (re-
24 duced by \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000) (reduced
25 by \$2,000,000) (increased by \$2,000,000) (increased by

1 \$2,500,000), which shall be for the purposes, and in the
2 amounts, specified in the table titled “Agricultural Re-
3 search Service, Salaries and Expenses” in the report ac-
4 companying this Act: *Provided*, That appropriations here-
5 under shall be available for the operation and maintenance
6 of aircraft and the purchase of not to exceed one for re-
7 placement only: *Provided further*, That appropriations
8 hereunder shall be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250
9 for the construction, alteration, and repair of buildings
10 and improvements, but unless otherwise provided, the cost
11 of constructing any one building shall not exceed
12 \$500,000, except for headhouses or greenhouses which
13 shall each be limited to \$1,800,000, except for 10 build-
14 ings to be constructed or improved at a cost not to exceed
15 \$1,100,000 each, and except for four buildings to be con-
16 structed at a cost not to exceed \$5,000,000 each, and the
17 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year
18 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement
19 value of the building or \$500,000, whichever is greater:
20 *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder shall be
21 available for entering into lease agreements at any Agri-
22 cultural Research Service location for the construction of
23 a research facility by a non-Federal entity for use by the
24 Agricultural Research Service and a condition of the lease
25 shall be that any facility shall be owned, operated, and

1 maintained by the non-Federal entity and shall be re-
2 moved upon the expiration or termination of the lease
3 agreement: *Provided further*, That the limitations on alter-
4 ations contained in this Act shall not apply to moderniza-
5 tion or replacement of existing facilities at Beltsville,
6 Maryland: *Provided further*, That appropriations here-
7 under shall be available for granting easements at the
8 Beltsville Agricultural Research Center: *Provided further*,
9 That the foregoing limitations shall not apply to replace-
10 ment of buildings needed to carry out the Act of April
11 24, 1948 (21 U.S.C. 113a): *Provided further*, That appro-
12 priations hereunder shall be available for granting ease-
13 ments at any Agricultural Research Service location for
14 the construction of a research facility by a non-Federal
15 entity for use by, and acceptable to, the Agricultural Re-
16 search Service and a condition of the easements shall be
17 that upon completion the facility shall be accepted by the
18 Secretary, subject to the availability of funds herein, if the
19 Secretary finds that acceptance of the facility is in the
20 interest of the United States: *Provided further*, That funds
21 may be received from any State, other political subdivi-
22 sion, organization, or individual for the purpose of estab-
23 lishing or operating any research facility or research
24 project of the Agricultural Research Service, as authorized
25 by law: *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder

1 shall be available for the Experienced Services Program
 2 at the Agricultural Research Service (16 U.S.C. 3851).

3 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

4 For the acquisition of land, construction, repair, im-
 5 provement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed
 6 equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agri-
 7 cultural research programs of the Department of Agri-
 8 culture, where not otherwise provided, \$18,003,000, to re-
 9 main available until expended, for the purposes, and in
 10 the amounts, specified for this account in the table titled
 11 “Community Project Funding” in the report accom-
 12 panying this Act.

13 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

14 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

15 For payments to agricultural experiment stations, for
 16 cooperative forestry and other research, for facilities, and
 17 for other expenses, \$1,046,500,000 (increased by
 18 \$10,000,000) (reduced by \$10,000,000) (reduced by
 19 \$2,000,000) (increased by \$2,000,000), which shall be for
 20 the purposes, in the amounts, and for the periods of avail-
 21 ability specified in the table titled “National Institute of
 22 Food and Agriculture, Research and Education Activities”
 23 in the report accompanying this Act, of which
 24 \$537,500,000 shall remain available until expended and
 25 of which \$7,000,000 shall remain available until Sep-

1 tember 30, 2028: *Provided*, That each institution eligible
 2 to receive funds under the Evans-Allen program receives
 3 no less than \$1,000,000: *Provided further*, That funds for
 4 education grants for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-
 5 serving institutions be made available to individual eligible
 6 institutions or consortia of eligible institutions with funds
 7 awarded equally to each of the States of Alaska and Ha-
 8 waii: *Provided further*, That funds for education grants for
 9 1890 institutions shall be made available to institutions
 10 eligible to receive funds under 7 U.S.C. 3221 and 3222:
 11 *Provided further*, That not more than 5 percent of the
 12 amounts made available by this or any other Act to carry
 13 out the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative under
 14 7 U.S.C. 3157 may be retained by the Secretary of Agri-
 15 culture to pay administrative costs incurred by the Sec-
 16 retary in carrying out that authority.

17 NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND

18 For the Native American Institutions Endowment
 19 Fund authorized by Public Law 103–382 (7 U.S.C. 301
 20 note), \$11,880,000, to remain available until expended.

21 EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

22 For payments to States, the District of Columbia,
 23 Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, the
 24 Northern Marianas, and American Samoa, \$557,100,000
 25 (increased by \$2,000,000) which shall be for the purposes,

1 in the amounts, and for the periods of availability specified
 2 in the table titled “National Institute of Food and Agri-
 3 culture, Extension Activities” in the report accompanying
 4 this Act, of which \$33,500,000 shall remain available until
 5 expended: *Provided*, That institutions eligible to receive
 6 funds under 7 U.S.C. 3221 for cooperative extension re-
 7 ceive no less than \$1,000,000: *Provided further*, That
 8 funds for cooperative extension under sections 3(b) and
 9 (c) of the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(b) and (c)) and
 10 section 208(c) of Public Law 93–471 shall be available
 11 for retirement and employees’ compensation costs for ex-
 12 tension agents.

13 INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES

14 For the integrated research, education, and extension
 15 grants programs, including necessary administrative ex-
 16 penses, \$39,100,000, which shall be for the purposes, in
 17 the amounts, and for the periods of availability specified
 18 in the table titled “National Institute of Food and Agri-
 19 culture, Integrated Activities” in the report accompanying
 20 this Act, of which \$8,000,000 shall remain available until
 21 September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any
 22 other provision of law, indirect costs shall not be charged
 23 against any Extension Implementation Program Area
 24 grant awarded under the Crop Protection/Pest Manage-
 25 ment Program (7 U.S.C. 7626).

1 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR MARKETING
2 AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

3 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
4 Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs,
5 \$1,200,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
6 Act to an agency in the Marketing and Regulatory Pro-
7 grams mission area for salaries and expenses are available
8 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-
9 fice.

10 ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
11 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
12 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

13 For necessary expenses of the Animal and Plant
14 Health Inspection Service, including up to \$30,000 for
15 representation allowances and for expenses pursuant to
16 the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4085),
17 \$1,157,850,000 (increased by \$2,000,000) (reduced by
18 \$7,000,000) (increased by \$7,000,000) which shall be for
19 the purposes, in the amounts, and for the periods of avail-
20 ability specified in the table titled “Animal and Plant
21 Health Inspection Service” in the report accompanying
22 this Act, of which \$584,177,000 shall remain available
23 until expended, and of which \$8,500,000 shall remain
24 available until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That no
25 funds shall be used to formulate or administer a brucel-

1 osis eradication program for the current fiscal year that
2 does not require minimum matching by the States of at
3 least 40 percent: *Provided further*, That this appropriation
4 shall be available for the purchase, replacement, operation,
5 and maintenance of aircraft: *Provided further*, That in ad-
6 dition, in emergencies which threaten any segment of the
7 agricultural production industry of the United States, the
8 Secretary may transfer from other appropriations or funds
9 available to the agencies or corporations of the Depart-
10 ment such sums as may be deemed necessary, to be avail-
11 able only in such emergencies for the arrest and eradi-
12 cation of contagious or infectious disease or pests of ani-
13 mals, poultry, or plants, and for expenses in accordance
14 with sections 10411 and 10417 of the Animal Health Pro-
15 tection Act (7 U.S.C. 8310 and 8316) and sections 431
16 and 442 of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7751 and
17 7772), and any unexpended balances of funds transferred
18 for such emergency purposes in the preceding fiscal year
19 shall be merged with such transferred amounts: *Provided*
20 *further*, That the Secretary must notify the Committees
21 on Appropriations about any transfer of funds in the pre-
22 ceding proviso within 15 days after such transfer being
23 made: *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder
24 shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the
25 repair and alteration of leased buildings and improve-

1 ments, but unless otherwise provided the cost of altering
2 any one building during the fiscal year shall not exceed
3 10 percent of the current replacement value of the build-
4 ing.

5 In fiscal year 2027, the agency is authorized to collect
6 fees to cover the total costs of providing technical assist-
7 ance, goods, or services requested by States, other political
8 subdivisions, domestic and international organizations,
9 foreign governments, or individuals, provided that such
10 fees are structured such that any entity's liability for such
11 fees is reasonably based on the technical assistance, goods,
12 or services provided to the entity by the agency, and such
13 fees shall be reimbursed to this account, to remain avail-
14 able until expended, without further appropriation, for
15 providing such assistance, goods, or services.

16 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

17 For plans, construction, repair, preventive mainte-
18 nance, environmental support, improvement, extension, al-
19 teration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities, as
20 authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2250, and acquisition of land as
21 authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2268a, \$500,000, to remain avail-
22 able until expended.

1 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

2 MARKETING SERVICES

3 For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Marketing
4 Service, \$204,551,000, of which \$5,000,000 shall be avail-
5 able for the purposes of section 12306 of Public Law 113-
6 79, and of which \$1,000,000 shall be available for the pur-
7 poses of section 779 of division A of Public Law 117-
8 103: *Provided*, That of the amounts made available under
9 this heading, \$13,750,000, to remain available until ex-
10 pended, shall be to carry out section 12513 of Public Law
11 115-334, and the Secretary shall take measures to ensure
12 an equal distribution of funds between the four regional
13 innovation initiatives: *Provided further*, That this appro-
14 priation shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250)
15 for the alteration and repair of buildings and improve-
16 ments, but the cost of altering any one building during
17 the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of the current
18 replacement value of the building.

19 Fees may be collected for the cost of standardization
20 activities, as established by regulation pursuant to law (31
21 U.S.C. 9701), except for the cost of activities relating to
22 the development or maintenance of grain standards under
23 the United States Grain Standards Act, 7 U.S.C. 71 et
24 seq.

9 FUNDS FOR STRENGTHENING MARKETS, INCOME, AND

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

23 PAYMENTS TO STATES AND POSSESSIONS

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6 Not to exceed \$55,000,000 (from fees collected) shall
7 be obligated during the current fiscal year for inspection
8 and weighing services: *Provided*, That if grain export ac-
9 tivities require additional supervision and oversight, or
10 other uncontrollable factors occur, this limitation may be
11 exceeded by up to 10 percent with notification to the Com-
12 mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, \$800,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Food Safety mission area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office.

For necessary expenses to carry out services author-
ized by the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry
Products Inspection Act, and the Egg Products Inspection
Act, including not to exceed \$10,000 for representation
allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of the

1 Act approved August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766),
2 \$1,226,000,000; and in addition, \$1,000,000 may be cred-
3 ited to this account from fees collected for the cost of lab-
4 oratory accreditation as authorized by section 1327 of the
5 Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990
6 (7 U.S.C. 138f): *Provided*, That funds provided for the
7 Public Health Data Communication Infrastructure system
8 shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*,
9 That no fewer than 148 full-time equivalent positions shall
10 be employed during fiscal year 2027 for purposes dedi-
11 cated solely to inspections and enforcement related to the
12 Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (7 U.S.C. 1901 et
13 seq.): *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be
14 available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alter-
15 ation and repair of buildings and improvements, but the
16 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year
17 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement
18 value of the building.

1 TITLE II
2 FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION
3 PROGRAMS

4 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FARM
5 PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION

6 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
7 Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation,
8 \$1,000,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
9 Act to an agency in the Farm Production and Conserva-
10 tion mission area for salaries and expenses are available
11 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-
12 fice.

13 FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION BUSINESS
14 CENTER

15 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
16 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

17 For necessary expenses of the Farm Production and
18 Conservation Business Center, \$150,598,000 (reduced by
19 \$2,000,000): *Provided*, That \$70,740,000 of amounts ap-
20 propriated for the current fiscal year pursuant to section
21 1241(a) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act
22 of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841(a)) shall be transferred to and
23 merged with this account.

1 FARM SERVICE AGENCY

2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 For necessary expenses of the Farm Service Agency,
5 \$1,105,526,000 (increased by \$2,000,000) (reduced by
6 \$5,000,000) (increased by \$5,000,000), of which not less
7 than \$15,000,000 shall be for the hiring of new employees
8 to fill vacancies and anticipated vacancies at Farm Service
9 Agency county offices and farm loan officers and shall be
10 available until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That the
11 agency shall submit a report by the end of the fourth quar-
12 ter of fiscal year 2027 to the Committees on Appropria-
13 tions of both Houses of Congress that identifies for each
14 project/investment that is operational (a) current perform-
15 ance against key indicators of customer satisfaction, (b)
16 current performance of service level agreements or other
17 technical metrics, (c) current performance against a pre-
18 established cost baseline, (d) a detailed breakdown of cur-
19 rent and planned spending on operational enhancements
20 or upgrades, and (e) an assessment of whether the invest-
21 ment continues to meet business needs as intended as well
22 as alternatives to the investment: *Provided further*, That
23 the Secretary is authorized to use the services, facilities,
24 and authorities (but not the funds) of the Commodity
25 Credit Corporation to make program payments for all pro-

1 grams administered by the Agency: *Provided further*, That
 2 other funds made available to the Agency for authorized
 3 activities may be advanced to and merged with this ac-
 4 count: *Provided further*, That of the amount appropriated
 5 under this heading, \$696,594,000 shall be made available
 6 to county offices, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
 7 *vided further*, That, notwithstanding the preceding pro-
 8 viso, any funds made available to county offices in the cur-
 9 rent fiscal year that the Administrator of the Farm Serv-
 10 ice Agency deems to exceed or not meet the amount need-
 11 ed for the county offices may be transferred to or from
 12 the Farm Service Agency for necessary expenses: *Provided*
 13 *further*, That none of the funds available for any depart-
 14 ment or agency in this or any other appropriations Acts,
 15 including prior year Acts, shall be used to close Farm
 16 Service Agency county offices: *Provided further*, That none
 17 of the funds available in this or any other Act, including
 18 prior year Acts, shall be used to permanently relocate
 19 county based employees that would result in an office with
 20 two or fewer employees without prior notification and ap-
 21 proval of the Committees on Appropriations of both
 22 Houses of Congress.

23 STATE MEDIATION GRANTS

24 For grants pursuant to section 502(b) of the Agricul-
 25 tural Credit Act of 1987, as amended (7 U.S.C. 5101–

1 5106), \$6,500,000: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Agri-
2 culture may determine that United States territories and
3 Federally recognized Indian tribes are “States” for the
4 purposes of Subtitle A of such Act.

5 GRASSROOTS SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

6 For necessary expenses to carry out wellhead or
7 groundwater protection activities under section 1240O of
8 the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839bb–2),
9 \$8,000,000, to remain available until expended.

10 DAIRY INDEMNITY PROGRAM

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

12 For necessary expenses involved in making indemnity
13 payments to dairy farmers and manufacturers of dairy
14 products under a dairy indemnity program, such sums as
15 may be necessary, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
16 *vided*, That such program is carried out by the Secretary
17 in the same manner as the dairy indemnity program de-
18 scribed in the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and
19 Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropria-
20 tions Act, 2001 (Public Law 106–387, 114 Stat. 1549A–
21 12).

For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans and grants, including the cost of modifying loans as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows: \$1,062,000 for emergency loans, to remain

1 available until expended; and \$30,553,000 for farm owner-
2 ship direct loans.

3 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
4 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
5 \$326,053,000: *Provided*, That of this amount,
6 \$305,803,000 shall be paid to the appropriation for
7 “Farm Service Agency, Salaries and Expenses”.

8 Funds appropriated by this Act to the Agricultural
9 Credit Insurance Program Account for farm ownership,
10 operating, conservation, and emergency direct loans and
11 loan guarantees may be transferred among these pro-
12 grams: *Provided*, That the Committees on Appropriations
13 of both Houses of Congress are notified at least 15 days
14 in advance of any transfer.

15 RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

16 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

17 For necessary expenses of the Risk Management
18 Agency, \$60,345,000: *Provided*, That \$1,000,000 of the
19 amount appropriated under this heading in this Act shall
20 be available for compliance and integrity activities re-
21 quired under section 516(b)(2)(C) of the Federal Crop In-
22 surance Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1516(b)(2)(C)), and shall
23 be in addition to amounts otherwise provided for such pur-
24 pose: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$1,000 shall

1 be available for official reception and representation ex-
2 penses, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1506(i).

3 NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

4 CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

5 For necessary expenses for carrying out the provi-
6 sions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f),
7 including preparation of conservation plans and establish-
8 ment of measures to conserve soil and water (including
9 farm irrigation and land drainage and such special meas-
10 ures for soil and water management as may be necessary
11 to prevent floods and the siltation of reservoirs and to con-
12 trol agricultural related pollutants); operation of conserva-
13 tion plant materials centers; classification and mapping of
14 soil; dissemination of information; acquisition of lands,
15 water, and interests therein for use in the plant materials
16 program by donation, exchange, or purchase at a nominal
17 cost not to exceed \$100 pursuant to the Act of August
18 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 2268a); purchase and erection or alter-
19 ation or improvement of permanent and temporary build-
20 ings; and operation and maintenance of aircraft,
21 \$800,000,000 (increased by \$2,000,000), which shall be
22 for the purposes and in the amounts specified in the table
23 titled “Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conserva-
24 tion Operations” in the report accompanying this Act, to
25 remain available until September 30, 2028, of which

1 \$49,005,500 shall for be for the purposes, and in the
2 amounts specified for this account in the table titled
3 “Community Project Funding” in the report accom-
4 panying this Act: *Provided*, That appropriations hereunder
5 shall be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250 for construc-
6 tion and improvement of buildings and public improve-
7 ments at plant materials centers, except that the cost of
8 alterations and improvements to other buildings and other
9 public improvements shall not exceed \$250,000: *Provided*
10 *further*, That when buildings or other structures are erect-
11 ed on non-Federal land, that the right to use such land
12 is obtained as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2250a: *Provided fur-*
13 *ther*, That of the total amount available under this head-
14 ing, \$2,000,000 shall be for necessary expenses to carry
15 out the Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Pro-
16 gram under section 222 of subtitle A of title II of the
17 Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7
18 U.S.C. 6923), as amended by section 12302 of Public Law
19 115–334: *Provided further*, That for grants provided
20 through the Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production
21 Program, grant recipients shall be subject to a fifty per-
22 cent cost-share requirement.

23 WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

24 For necessary expenses to carry out preventive meas-
25 ures, including but not limited to surveys and investiga-

1 tions, engineering operations, works of improvement, and
 2 changes in use of land, in accordance with the Watershed
 3 Protection and Flood Prevention Act (16 U.S.C. 1001–
 4 1005 and 1007–1009) and in accordance with the provi-
 5 sions of laws relating to the activities of the Department,
 6 \$35,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
 7 *vided*, That for funds provided by this Act or any other
 8 prior Act, the limitation regarding the size of the water-
 9 shed or subwatershed exceeding two hundred and fifty
 10 thousand acres in which such activities can be undertaken
 11 shall only apply for activities undertaken for the primary
 12 purpose of flood prevention (including structural and land
 13 treatment measures): *Provided further*, That of the
 14 amounts made available under this heading, \$10,000,000
 15 shall be allocated to projects in states that are actively
 16 engaged in corrugated metal pipe pilot projects with
 17 NRCS.

18 WATERSHED REHABILITATION PROGRAM

19 Under the authorities of section 14 of the Watershed
 20 Protection and Flood Prevention Act, \$3,000,000 is pro-
 21 vided.

22 CORPORATIONS

23 The following corporations and agencies are hereby
 24 authorized to make expenditures, within the limits of
 25 funds and borrowing authority available to each such cor-

1 poration or agency and in accord with law, and to make
 2 contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year
 3 limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government
 4 Corporation Control Act as may be necessary in carrying
 5 out the programs set forth in the budget for the current
 6 fiscal year for such corporation or agency, except as here-
 7 inafter provided.

8 FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION FUND

9 For payments as authorized by section 516 of the
 10 Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1516), such sums
 11 as may be necessary, to remain available until expended.

12 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUND

13 REIMBURSEMENT FOR NET REALIZED LOSSES

14 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

15 For the current fiscal year, such sums as may be nec-
 16 essary to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for
 17 net realized losses sustained, but not previously reim-
 18 bursed, pursuant to section 2 of the Act of August 17,
 19 1961 (15 U.S.C. 713a–11): *Provided*, That of the funds
 20 available to the Commodity Credit Corporation under sec-
 21 tion 11 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act
 22 (15 U.S.C. 714i) for the conduct of its business with the
 23 Foreign Agricultural Service, up to \$5,000,000 may be
 24 transferred to and used by the Foreign Agricultural Serv-
 25 ice for information resource management activities of the

1 Foreign Agricultural Service that are not related to Com-
2 modity Credit Corporation business: *Provided further*,
3 That the Secretary shall notify the Committees on Appro-
4 priations of the House and Senate in writing 15 days prior
5 to the obligation, commitment, or transfer of any emer-
6 gency funds from the Commodity Credit Corporation or
7 the transfer or cancellation of any previously obligated
8 Commodity Credit Corporation funds: *Provided further*,
9 That such written notification shall include a detailed
10 spend plan for the anticipated uses of such funds and an
11 expected timeline for program execution if such obligation,
12 commitment, transfer, or cancellation exceeds
13 \$100,000,000.

14 HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

15 (LIMITATION ON EXPENSES)

16 For the current fiscal year, the Commodity Credit
17 Corporation shall not expend more than \$15,000,000 for
18 site investigation and cleanup expenses, and operations
19 and maintenance expenses to comply with the requirement
20 of section 107(g) of the Comprehensive Environmental
21 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.
22 9607(g)), and section 6001 of the Solid Waste Disposal
23 Act (42 U.S.C. 6961).

1 TITLE III
2 RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
3 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RURAL
4 DEVELOPMENT

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
6 Secretary for Rural Development, \$1,000,000: *Provided*,
7 That funds made available by this Act to an agency in
8 the Rural Development mission area for salaries and ex-
9 penses are available to fund up to one administrative sup-
10 port staff for the Office.

11 RURAL DEVELOPMENT
12 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
13 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

14 For necessary expenses for carrying out the adminis-
15 tration and implementation of Rural Development pro-
16 grams, including activities with institutions concerning the
17 development and operation of agricultural cooperatives;
18 and for cooperative agreements; \$270,000,000 (increased
19 by \$2,000,000): *Provided*, That of the amount made avail-
20 able under this heading, no less than \$75,000,000, to re-
21 main available until expended, shall be used for informa-
22 tion technology expenses: *Provided further*, That notwith-
23 standing any other provision of law, funds appropriated
24 under this heading may be used for advertising and pro-
25 motional activities that support Rural Development pro-

1 grams: *Provided further*, That in addition to any other
 2 funds appropriated for purposes authorized by section
 3 502(i) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472(i)),
 4 any amounts collected under such section, as amended by
 5 this Act, will immediately be credited to this account and
 6 will remain available until expended for such purposes:
 7 *Provided further*, That of the amount made available
 8 under this heading, \$2,000,000, to remain available until
 9 expended, shall be for the Secretary of Agriculture to
 10 carry out a pilot program that assists rural hospitals to
 11 improve long-term operations and financial health, by pro-
 12 viding technical assistance through analysis of current
 13 hospital management practices.

14 RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

15 RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

16 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

17 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
 18 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by title V of the
 19 Housing Act of 1949, to be available from funds in the
 20 rural housing insurance fund, as follows: \$1,000,000,000
 21 shall be for section 502 direct loans; \$6,000,000 shall be
 22 for a Single Family Housing Relending demonstration
 23 program for Native American Tribes; and
 24 \$25,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
 25 2028, shall be for section 502 unsubsidized guaranteed

1 loans; \$25,000,000 for section 504 housing repair loans;
2 \$50,000,000 for section 515 rental housing; \$400,000,000
3 for section 538 guaranteed multi-family housing loans;
4 \$10,000,000 for credit sales of single family housing ac-
5 quired property; \$5,000,000 for section 523 self-help
6 housing land development loans; \$5,000,000 for section
7 524 site development loans; and \$15,000,000 for section
8 514 direct farm labor housing loans.

9 For the cost of direct loans, guaranteed loans, and
10 grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined
11 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
12 as follows: section 502 direct loans, \$132,900,000; Single
13 Family Housing Relending demonstration program for
14 Native American Tribes, \$2,653,000; section 504 housing
15 repair loans, \$4,270,000; repair, rehabilitation, and new
16 construction of section 515 rental housing, \$16,640,000,
17 to remain available until expended; section 523 self-help
18 housing land development loans, \$655,000; section 524
19 site development loans, \$471,000; section 514 farm labor
20 housing loans, \$5,057,000, to remain available until ex-
21 pended; and farm labor housing grants, as authorized by
22 section 516 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484,
23 1486), \$6,000,000, to remain available until expended:
24 *Provided*, That to support the loan program level for sec-
25 tion 538 guaranteed loans made available under this head-

1 ing the Secretary may charge or adjust any fees to cover
2 the projected cost of such loan guarantees pursuant to the
3 provisions of the Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C.
4 661 et seq.), and the interest on such loans may not be
5 subsidized: *Provided further*, That applicants in commu-
6 nities that have a current rural area waiver under section
7 541 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490q) shall
8 be treated as living in a rural area for purposes of section
9 502 guaranteed loans provided under this heading: *Pro-*
10 *vided further*, That of the amounts available under this
11 paragraph for section 502 direct loans, no less than
12 \$5,000,000 shall be available for direct loans for individ-
13 uals whose homes will be built pursuant to a program
14 funded with a mutual and self-help housing grant author-
15 ized by section 523 of the Housing Act of 1949 until June
16 1, 2027: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall imple-
17 ment provisions to provide incentives to nonprofit organi-
18 zations and public housing authorities to facilitate the ac-
19 quisition of Rural Housing Service (RHS) multifamily
20 housing properties by such nonprofit organizations and
21 public housing authorities that commit to keep such prop-
22 erties in the RHS multifamily housing program for a pe-
23 riod of time as determined by the Secretary, with such
24 incentives to include, but not be limited to, the following:
25 allow such nonprofit entities and public housing authori-

1 ties to earn a Return on Investment on the owner's initial
2 equity contributions, as defined by the Secretary, invested
3 in the transaction; and allow reimbursement of organiza-
4 tional costs associated with owner's oversight of asset re-
5 ferred to as "Asset Management Fee" of up to \$15,000
6 per property.

7 In addition, for the cost of direct loans and grants,
8 including the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section
9 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
10 \$30,000,000, to remain available until expended, for a
11 demonstration program for the preservation and revital-
12 ization of the sections 514, 515, and 516 multi-family
13 rental housing properties to restructure existing USDA
14 multi-family housing loans, as the Secretary deems appro-
15 priate, expressly for the purposes of ensuring the project
16 has sufficient resources to preserve the project for the pur-
17 pose of providing safe and affordable housing for low-in-
18 come residents and farm laborers including reducing or
19 eliminating interest; deferring loan payments, subordi-
20 nating, reducing or re-amortizing loan debt; and other fi-
21 nancial assistance including advances, payments and in-
22 centives (including the ability of owners to obtain reason-
23 able returns on investment) required by the Secretary:
24 *Provided*, That the Secretary shall, as part of the preser-
25 vation and revitalization agreement, obtain a restrictive

1 use agreement consistent with the terms of the restruc-
2 turing.

3 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
4 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
5 \$412,254,000 shall be paid to the appropriation for
6 “Rural Development, Salaries and Expenses”.

7 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

8 For rental assistance agreements entered into or re-
9 newed pursuant to the authority under section 521(a)(2)
10 of the Housing Act of 1949 or agreements entered into
11 in lieu of debt forgiveness or payments for eligible house-
12 holds as authorized by section 502(c)(5)(D) of the Hous-
13 ing Act of 1949, \$1,795,000,000, and in addition such
14 sums as may be necessary, as authorized by section 521(c)
15 of the Act, to liquidate debt incurred prior to fiscal year
16 1992 to carry out the rental assistance program under sec-
17 tion 521(a)(2) of the Act: *Provided*, That amounts made
18 available under this heading shall be available for renewal
19 of rental assistance agreements for a maximum of 5,000
20 units where the Secretary determines that a maturing loan
21 for a project cannot reasonably be restructured with an-
22 other USDA loan or modification and the project was op-
23 erating with rental assistance under section 521 of the
24 Housing Act of 1949: *Provided further*, That the Secretary
25 may enter into rental assistance contracts in maturing

1 properties with existing rental assistance agreements not-
2 withstanding any provision of section 521 of the Housing
3 Act of 1949, for a term of at least 10 years but not more
4 than 20 years: *Provided further*, That any agreement to
5 enter into a rental assistance contract under section 521
6 of the Housing Act of 1949 for a maturing property shall
7 obligate the owner to continue to maintain the project as
8 decent, safe, and sanitary housing and to operate the de-
9 velopment in accordance with the Housing Act of 1949,
10 except that rents shall be based on current Fair Market
11 Rents as established by the Department of Housing and
12 Urban Development pursuant to 24 CFR 888 Subpart A,
13 42 U.S.C. 1437f and 3535d, to determine the maximum
14 initial rent and adjusted annually by the Operating Cost
15 Adjustment Factor pursuant to 24 CFR 888 Subpart B,
16 unless the Agency determines that the project's budget-
17 based needs require a higher rent, in which case the Agen-
18 cy may approve a budget-based rent level: *Provided fur-*
19 *ther*, That rental assistance agreements entered into or re-
20 newed during the current fiscal year shall be funded for
21 a one year period: *Provided further*, That upon request by
22 an owner under section 514 or 515 of the Act, the Sec-
23 retary may renew the rental assistance agreement for a
24 period of 20 years or until the term of such loan has ex-
25 pired, subject to annual appropriations: *Provided further*,

1 That any unexpended balances remaining at the end of
2 such one-year agreements may be transferred and used
3 for purposes of any debt reduction, maintenance, repair,
4 or rehabilitation of any existing projects; preservation; and
5 rental assistance activities authorized under title V of the
6 Act: *Provided further*, That rental assistance provided
7 under agreements entered into prior to fiscal year 2027
8 for a farm labor multi-family housing project financed
9 under section 514 or 516 of the Act may not be recaptured
10 for use in another project until such assistance has re-
11 mained unused for a period of twelve consecutive months,
12 if such project has a waiting list of tenants seeking such
13 assistance or the project has rental assistance eligible ten-
14 ants who are not receiving such assistance: *Provided fur-*
15 *ther*, That such recaptured rental assistance shall, to the
16 extent practicable, be applied to another farm labor multi-
17 family housing project financed under section 514 or 516
18 of the Act: *Provided further*, That except as provided in
19 the seventh proviso under this heading and notwith-
20 standing any other provision of the Act, the Secretary may
21 recapture rental assistance provided under agreements en-
22 tered into prior to fiscal year 2027 for a project that the
23 Secretary determines no longer needs rental assistance
24 and use such recaptured funds for current needs.

RURAL HOUSING VOUCHER ACCOUNT

1 RURAL HOUSING VOUCHER ACCOUNT

2 For the rural housing voucher program as authorized

3 under section 542 of the Housing Act of 1949, but not-

4 withstanding subsection (b) of such section, \$48,000,000,

5 to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the

6 funds made available under this heading shall be available

7 for rural housing vouchers to any low-income household

8 (including those not receiving rental assistance) residing

9 in a property financed with a section 515 loan which has

10 been prepaid or otherwise paid off after September 30,

11 2005, and is not receiving stand-alone section 521 rental

12 assistance: *Provided further*, That the amount of such

13 voucher shall be the difference between comparable market

14 rent for the section 515 unit and the tenant paid rent for

15 such unit: *Provided further*, That funds made available for

16 such vouchers shall be subject to the availability of annual

17 appropriations: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall,

18 to the maximum extent practicable, administer such

19 vouchers with current regulations and administrative guid-

20 ance applicable to section 8 housing vouchers administered

21 by the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban

22 Development: *Provided further*, That in addition to any

23 other available funds, the Secretary may expend not more

24 than \$1,000,000 total, from the program funds made

1 available under this heading, for administrative expenses
2 for activities funded under this heading.

3 MUTUAL AND SELF-HELP HOUSING GRANTS

4 For grants and contracts pursuant to section
5 523(b)(1)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.
6 1490c), \$25,000,000, to remain available until expended.

7 RURAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS

8 For grants for very low-income housing repair and
9 rural housing preservation made by the Rural Housing
10 Service, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 1474, and 1490m,
11 \$26,000,000, to remain available until expended.

12 RURAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM ACCOUNT

13 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

14 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
15 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by section 306
16 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the Consolidated
17 Farm and Rural Development Act, \$1,250,000,000 for di-
18 rect loans and \$650,000,000 for guaranteed loans.

19 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and
20 grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined
21 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
22 for rural community facilities programs as authorized by
23 section 306 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the
24 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act,
25 \$422,980,252 to remain available until expended, of which

1 \$398,527,252 shall be for the purposes, and in the
2 amounts, specified for this account in the table titled
3 “Community Project Funding” in the report accom-
4 panying this Act: *Provided*, That \$5,000,000 of the
5 amount appropriated under this heading shall be available
6 for a Rural Community Development Initiative: *Provided*
7 *further*, That such funds shall be used solely to develop
8 the capacity and ability of private, nonprofit community-
9 based housing and community development organizations,
10 low-income rural communities, and Federally Recognized
11 Native American Tribes to undertake projects to improve
12 housing, community facilities, community and economic
13 development projects in rural areas: *Provided further*,
14 That such funds shall be made available to qualified pri-
15 vate, nonprofit and public intermediary organizations pro-
16 posing to carry out a program of financial and technical
17 assistance: *Provided further*, That such intermediary orga-
18 nizations shall provide matching funds from other sources,
19 including Federal funds for related activities, in an
20 amount not less than funds provided: *Provided further*,
21 That any unobligated balances from prior year appropria-
22 tions under this heading for the cost of direct loans, loan
23 guarantees and grants, including amounts deobligated or
24 cancelled, may be made available to cover the subsidy costs
25 for direct loans and or loan guarantees under this heading

1 in this fiscal year: *Provided further*, That no amounts may
2 be made available pursuant to the preceding proviso from
3 amounts that were designated by the Congress as an
4 emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolu-
5 tion on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-
6 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985 or that were specified
7 in the tables titled “Community Project Funding/Congres-
8 sionally Directed Spending” in the explanatory statements
9 accompanying prior year Agriculture, Rural Development,
10 Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Ap-
11 propriations Acts, as described in section 4 in the matter
12 preceding division A of such Acts: *Provided further*, That
13 no amounts may be made available pursuant to the fifth
14 proviso without prior notification and approval of the
15 Committees of Appropriations of both Houses of Congress:
16 *Provided further*, That \$19,453,000 of the amount appro-
17 priated under this heading shall be available for commu-
18 nity facilities grants, as authorized by section 306(a)(19)
19 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, of
20 which \$8,000,000 shall be for grants to tribal colleges as
21 authorized by section 306(a)(25) of such Act and of which
22 \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be
23 for the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a pilot pro-
24 gram in coordination with Centers for Medicare & Med-
25 icaid Services Administrator that assists rural hospitals in

1 modernizing aging facilities by giving preference to critical
 2 access hospitals receiving assistance from the Rural
 3 Health Transformation Program: *Provided further*, That
 4 sections 381E–H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and
 5 Rural Development Act are not applicable to the funds
 6 made available under this heading: *Provided further*, That
 7 in addition to any other available funds, the Secretary may
 8 expend not more than \$1,000,000 total, from the program
 9 funds made available under this heading, for administra-
 10 tive expenses for activities funded under this heading.

11 RURAL BUSINESS—COOPERATIVE SERVICE

12 RURAL BUSINESS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

13 For gross obligations for the principal amount of
 14 guaranteed loans as authorized by section 310B of the
 15 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
 16 1932(g)), \$2,000,000,000.

17 For the cost of loan guarantees and grants, for the
 18 rural business development programs authorized by sec-
 19 tion 310B and described in subsections (a), (c), (f) and
 20 (g) of section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
 21 Development Act, \$63,600,000, to remain available until
 22 expended: *Provided*, That of the amount appropriated
 23 under this heading, \$38,600,000 shall be for business and
 24 industry guaranteed loans: *Provided further*, That of the
 25 amount appropriated under this heading, \$18,000,000

1 shall be for rural business development grants as author-
2 ized by section 310B(c) of the Consolidated Farm and
3 Rural Development Act: *Provided further*, That of the
4 amount appropriated under this heading, \$7,000,000 shall
5 be for grants to the Delta Regional Authority (7 U.S.C.
6 2009aa et seq.), the Northern Border Regional Commis-
7 sion (40 U.S.C. 15101 et seq.), the Southwest Border Re-
8 gional Commission (40 U.S.C. 15301 et seq.), and the Ap-
9 palachian Regional Commission (40 U.S.C. 14101 et seq.)
10 for any Rural Community Advancement Program purpose
11 as described in section 381E(d) of the Consolidated Farm
12 and Rural Development Act, of which not more than 5
13 percent may be used for administrative expenses: *Provided*
14 *further*, That \$4,000,000 of the amount appropriated
15 under this heading shall be for business grants to benefit
16 Federally Recognized Native American Tribes, including
17 \$250,000 for a grant to a qualified national organization
18 to provide technical assistance for rural transportation in
19 order to promote economic development: *Provided further*,
20 That sections 381E–H and 381N of the Consolidated
21 Farm and Rural Development Act are not applicable to
22 funds made available under this heading.

1 INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM FUND ACCOUNT
2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 For the principal amount of direct loans, as author-
4 ized by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Ac-
5 count (7 U.S.C. 1936b), \$9,000,000.

6 For the cost of direct loans, \$2,631,000 as authorized
7 by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Account (7
8 U.S.C. 1936b), of which \$263,000 shall be available
9 through June 30, 2027, for Federally Recognized Native
10 American Tribes; and of which \$526,000 shall be available
11 through June 30, 2027, for Mississippi Delta Region
12 counties (as determined in accordance with Public Law
13 100–460): *Provided*, That such costs, including the cost
14 of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502
15 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

16 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out
17 the direct loan programs, \$4,468,000 shall be paid to the
18 appropriation for “Rural Development, Salaries and Ex-
19 penses”.

20 RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS PROGRAM
21 ACCOUNT

22 For the principal amount of direct loans, as author-
23 ized under section 313B(a) of the Rural Electrification
24 Act, for the purpose of promoting rural economic develop-
25 ment and job creation projects, \$50,000,000.

1 The cost of grants authorized under section 313B(a)
2 of the Rural Electrification Act, for the purpose of pro-
3 moting rural economic development and job creation
4 projects shall not exceed \$10,000,000.

5 RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

6 For rural cooperative development grants authorized
7 under section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and
8 Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932), \$17,600,000:
9 *Provided*, That of the amount appropriated under this
10 heading, \$2,800,000 shall be for cooperative agreements
11 for the appropriate technology transfer for rural areas
12 program; \$3,000,000 shall be for grants for cooperative
13 development centers, individual cooperatives, or groups of
14 cooperatives that serve socially disadvantaged groups and
15 a majority of the boards of directors or governing boards
16 of which are comprised of individuals who are members
17 of socially disadvantaged groups; \$6,500,000 (reduced by
18 \$10,000,000) (increased by \$10,000,000), to remain avail-
19 able until expended, shall be for value-added agricultural
20 product market development grants, as authorized by sec-
21 tion 210A of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946; and
22 \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be
23 for Agriculture Innovation Centers authorized pursuant to
24 section 6402 of Public Law 107–171.

1 RURAL MICROENTREPRENEUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

2 For the principal amount of direct loans as author-
3 ized by section 379E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
4 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2008s), \$15,000,000.

5 For the cost of loans and grants, \$3,600,000 under
6 the same terms and conditions as authorized by section
7 379E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development
8 Act (7 U.S.C. 2008s).

9 RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM

10 For the principal amount of loan guarantees, under
11 the same terms and conditions as authorized by section
12 9007 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of
13 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107), \$50,000,000.

14 For the cost of loans, \$1,890,000 under the same
15 terms and conditions as authorized by section 9007 of the
16 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7
17 U.S.C. 8107).

18 RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE

19 RURAL WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM ACCOUNT
20 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

21 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
22 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by section 306
23 and described in section 381E(d)(2) of the Consolidated
24 Farm and Rural Development Act, as follows:

1 \$1,015,000,000 for direct loans; and \$50,000,000 for
2 guaranteed loans.

3 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and
4 grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined
5 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
6 for rural water, waste water, waste disposal, and solid
7 waste management programs authorized by sections 306,
8 306A, 306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B and described in sec-
9 tions 306C(a)(2), 306D, 306E, and 381E(d)(2) of the
10 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act,
11 \$385,343,050 (increased by \$2,000,000) to remain avail-
12 able until expended: *Provided*, That \$75,824,000 of the
13 amount appropriated under this heading shall be available
14 for direct loans, of which no less than \$4,224,000 shall
15 be available for water and waste direct one percent loans
16 for distressed communities as the Secretary deems appro-
17 priate: *Provided further*, That \$1,000,000 shall be avail-
18 able for the rural utilities program described in section
19 306(a)(2)(B) of such Act: *Provided further*, That
20 \$5,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-
21 ing shall be available for the rural utilities program de-
22 scribed in section 306E of such Act: *Provided further*,
23 That \$7,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this
24 heading shall be for grants authorized by section
25 306A(i)(2) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-

1 ment Act in addition to funding authorized by section
2 306A(i)(1) of such Act: *Provided further*, That
3 \$20,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-
4 ing shall be for loans and grants including water and
5 waste disposal systems grants authorized by section
6 306C(a)(2)(B) and section 306D of the Consolidated
7 Farm and Rural Development Act, and Federally Recog-
8 nized Native American Tribes authorized by 306C(a)(1)
9 of such Act, and the Department of Hawaiian Home
10 Lands (of the State of Hawaii): *Provided further*, That
11 funding provided for section 306D of the Consolidated
12 Farm and Rural Development Act may be provided to a
13 consortium formed pursuant to section 325 of Public Law
14 105–83: *Provided further*, That not more than 2 percent
15 of the funding provided for section 306D of the Consoli-
16 dated Farm and Rural Development Act may be used by
17 the State of Alaska for training and technical assistance
18 programs and not more than 2 percent of the funding pro-
19 vided for section 306D of the Consolidated Farm and
20 Rural Development Act may be used by a consortium
21 formed pursuant to section 325 of Public Law 105–83 for
22 training and technical assistance programs: *Provided fur-*
23 *ther*, That \$35,000,000 of the amount appropriated under
24 this heading shall be for technical assistance grants for
25 rural water and waste systems pursuant to section

1 306(a)(14) of such Act, unless the Secretary makes a de-
2 termination of extreme need, of which \$11,000,000 shall
3 be made available for a grant to a qualified nonprofit
4 multi-State regional technical assistance organization,
5 with experience in working with small communities on
6 water and waste water problems, the principal purpose of
7 such grant shall be to assist rural communities with popu-
8 lations of 3,300 or less, in improving the planning, financ-
9 ing, development, operation, and management of water
10 and waste water systems, and of which not less than
11 \$800,000 shall be for a qualified national Native American
12 organization to provide technical assistance for rural water
13 systems for tribal communities: *Provided further*, That
14 \$24,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-
15 ing shall be for contracting with qualified national organi-
16 zations for a circuit rider program to provide technical as-
17 sistance for rural water systems: *Provided further*, That
18 \$4,000,000 of the amounts made available under this
19 heading shall be for solid waste management grants: *Pro-*
20 *vided further*, That \$213,519,050 of the amounts made
21 available under this heading shall be for grants pursuant
22 to section 306(a)(2)(a) of the Consolidated Farm and
23 Rural Development Act, of which \$135,519,050 shall be
24 for the purposes, and in the amounts, specified for this
25 account in the table titled “Community Project Funding”

1 in the report accompanying this Act: *Provided further*,
2 That if any funds made available for the direct loan sub-
3 sidy costs under this heading remain unobligated after
4 July 31, 2027, such unobligated balances may be used for
5 grant programs funded under this heading: *Provided fur-*
6 *ther*, That any unobligated balances from prior year ap-
7 propriations under this heading for the cost of direct
8 loans, loan guarantees and grants, including amounts
9 deobligated or cancelled, may be made available to cover
10 the subsidy costs for direct loans, loan guarantees and or
11 grants under this heading in this fiscal year: *Provided fur-*
12 *ther*, That no amounts may be made available pursuant
13 to the two preceding provisos from amounts that were des-
14 ignated by the Congress as an emergency requirement
15 pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the
16 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
17 1985, or that are specified for this account in the table
18 titled “Community Project Funding/Congressionally Di-
19 rected Spending” in the explanatory statement described
20 in section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this
21 consolidated Act): *Provided further*, That sections 381E–
22 H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Devel-
23 opment Act are not applicable to the funds made available
24 under this heading.

1 RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
2 LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT
3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 The principal amount of loans and loan guarantees
5 as authorized by sections 4, 305, 306, 313A, and 317 of
6 the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 904, 935,
7 936, 940c–1, and 940g) shall be made as follows: guaran-
8 teed rural electric loans made pursuant to section 306 of
9 that Act, \$2,867,000,000; cost of money direct loans made
10 pursuant to sections 4, notwithstanding the one-eighth of
11 one percent in 4(c)(2), and 317, notwithstanding 317(c),
12 of that Act, \$4,533,000,000; guaranteed underwriting
13 loans pursuant to section 313A of that Act, \$910,000,000;
14 for cost-of-money rural telecommunications loans made
15 pursuant to section 305(d)(2) of that Act, \$350,000,000;
16 and for guaranteed rural telecommunications loans made
17 pursuant to section 306 of that Act, \$200,000,000.

18 For the cost of direct loans as authorized by section
19 305(d)(2) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7
20 U.S.C. 935(d)(2)), including the cost of modifying loans,
21 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
22 of 1974, cost of money rural telecommunications loans,
23 \$3,185,000.

24 In addition, \$4,535,000, to remain available until ex-
25 pended, to carry out section 6407 of the Farm Security

1 and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107a): *Pro-*
 2 *vided*, That the energy efficiency measures supported by
 3 the funding in this paragraph shall contribute in a demon-
 4 strable way to the reduction of greenhouse gases.

5 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
 6 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
 7 \$33,270,000, which shall be paid to the appropriation for
 8 “Rural Development, Salaries and Expenses”.

9 DISTANCE LEARNING, TELEMEDICINE, AND BROADBAND
 10 PROGRAM

11 For grants for telemedicine and distance learning
 12 services in rural areas, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 950aaa
 13 et seq., \$33,160,198 (reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased
 14 by \$1,000,000), to remain available until expended, of
 15 which \$3,160,198 shall be for the purposes, and in the
 16 amounts, specified for this account in the table titled
 17 “Community Project Funding” in the report accom-
 18 panying this Act: *Provided*, That \$3,000,000 shall be
 19 made available for grants authorized by section 379G of
 20 the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act: *Pro-*
 21 *vided further*, That funding provided under this heading
 22 for grants under section 379G of the Consolidated Farm
 23 and Rural Development Act may only be provided to enti-
 24 ties that meet all of the eligibility criteria for a consortium
 25 as established by this section.

1 For the cost to continue a broadband loan and grant
2 pilot program established by section 779 of division A of
3 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law
4 115–141) under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as
5 amended (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), \$40,000,000, to remain
6 available until expended: *Provided*, That the Secretary
7 may award grants described in section 601(a) of the Rural
8 Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C.
9 950bb(a)) for the purposes of carrying out such pilot pro-
10 gram: *Provided further*, That the cost of direct loans shall
11 be defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
12 of 1974: *Provided further*, That at least 90 percent of the
13 households to be served by a project receiving a loan or
14 grant under the pilot program shall be in a rural area
15 without sufficient access to broadband: *Provided further*,
16 That for purposes of such pilot program, a rural area
17 without sufficient access to broadband shall be defined as
18 twenty-five megabits per second downstream and three
19 megabits per second upstream: *Provided further*, That to
20 the extent possible, projects receiving funds provided
21 under the pilot program must build out service to at least
22 one hundred megabits per second downstream, and twenty
23 megabits per second upstream: *Provided further*, That an
24 entity to which a loan or grant is made under the pilot
25 program shall not use the loan or grant to overbuild or

1 duplicate broadband service in a service area by any entity
2 that has received a broadband loan from the Rural Utili-
3 ties Service unless such service is not provided sufficient
4 access to broadband at the minimum service threshold:
5 *Provided further*, That not more than four percent of the
6 funds made available in this paragraph can be used for
7 administrative costs to carry out the pilot program and
8 up to three percent of funds made available in this para-
9 graph may be available for technical assistance and pre-
10 development planning activities to support the most rural
11 communities: *Provided further*, That the Rural Utilities
12 Service is directed to expedite program delivery methods
13 that would implement this paragraph: *Provided further*,
14 That for purposes of this paragraph, the Secretary shall
15 adhere to the notice, reporting and service area assess-
16 ment requirements set forth in section 701 of the Rural
17 Electrification Act (7 U.S.C. 950cc).

18 In addition, \$15,000,000, to remain available until
19 expended, for the Community Connect Grant Program au-
20 thorized by 7 U.S.C. 950bb–3.

1 TITLE IV
2 DOMESTIC FOOD PROGRAMS
3 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD,
4 NUTRITION, AND CONSUMER SERVICES

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
6 Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services,
7 \$800,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
8 Act to an agency in the Food, Nutrition and Consumer
9 Services mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-
10 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for
11 the Office.

12 FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE
13 CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS
14 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

15 For necessary expenses to carry out the Richard B.
16 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et
17 seq.), except section 21, and the Child Nutrition Act of
18 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.), except sections 17 and
19 21; \$37,900,930,000 to remain available through Sep-
20 tember 30, 2028, of which such sums as are made avail-
21 able under section 14222(b)(1) of the Food, Conservation,
22 and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–246), as
23 amended by this Act, shall be merged with and available
24 for the same time period and purposes as provided herein:
25 *Provided*, That of the total amount available, \$18,004,000

1 shall be available to carry out section 19 of the Child Nu-
2 trition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.): *Provided*
3 *further*, That of the total amount available, \$22,378,000
4 shall be available to carry out studies and evaluations and
5 shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*,
6 That of the total amount available, \$5,000,000 shall re-
7 main available until expended to carry out section 18(g)
8 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
9 U.S.C. 1769(g)): *Provided further*, That notwithstanding
10 section 18(g)(3)(C) of the Richard B. Russell National
11 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769(g)(3)(c)), the total
12 grant amount provided to a farm to school grant recipient
13 in fiscal year 2027 shall not exceed \$500,000: *Provided*
14 *further*, That of the total amount available, \$5,000,000
15 shall be available to provide competitive grants to State
16 agencies for subgrants to local educational agencies and
17 schools to purchase the equipment, with a value of greater
18 than \$1,000, needed to serve healthier meals, improve food
19 safety, and to help support the establishment, mainte-
20 nance, or expansion of the school breakfast program: *Pro-*
21 *vided further*, That of the total amount available,
22 \$4,470,000 shall be available for food safety education in-
23 cluding activities that support sections 17 and 21 of the
24 Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786, 1790) and
25 to support the safe distribution of USDA Foods, as de-

1 fined in 7 CFR 250.2: *Provided further*, That section
 2 26(d) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch
 3 Act (42 U.S.C. 1769g(d)) is amended in the first sentence
 4 by striking “2010 through 2027” and inserting “2010
 5 through 2028”: *Provided further*, That section 9(h)(3) of
 6 the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
 7 U.S.C. 1758(h)(3)) is amended in the first sentence by
 8 striking “For fiscal year 2026” and inserting “For fiscal
 9 year 2027”: *Provided further*, That section 9(h)(4) of the
 10 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.
 11 1758(h)(4)) is amended in the first sentence by striking
 12 “For fiscal year 2026” and inserting “For fiscal year
 13 2027”.

14 SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR
 15 WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

16 For necessary expenses to carry out the special sup-
 17 plemental nutrition program as authorized by section 17
 18 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786),
 19 \$8,000,000,000, to remain available through September
 20 30, 2028: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section
 21 17(h)(10) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.
 22 1786(h)(10)), not less than \$90,000,000 shall be used for
 23 breastfeeding peer counselors and other related activities:
 24 *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall use funds made
 25 available under this heading to provide a cash-value vouch-

1 er for women and children participants that is set at an
2 amount equal to 267 percent of the amount provided for
3 such voucher in fiscal year 2020 for children participants,
4 and 428 percent of the amount provided for such voucher
5 in such fiscal year for women participants: *Provided fur-*
6 *ther*, That none of the funds provided in this account shall
7 be available for the purchase of infant formula except in
8 accordance with the cost containment and competitive bid-
9 ding requirements specified in section 17 of such Act: *Pro-*
10 *vided further*, That the Secretary shall require State agen-
11 cies to authorize fresh, frozen, canned, and dried fruit and
12 vegetables for Food Packages III, IV, V, VI, VII, and VIII
13 under the special supplemental nutrition program for
14 women, infants, and children established under section 17
15 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786): *Pro-*
16 *vided further*, That none of the funds provided shall be
17 available for activities that are not fully reimbursed by
18 other Federal Government departments or agencies unless
19 authorized by section 17 of such Act: *Provided further*,
20 That upon termination of a federally mandated vendor
21 moratorium and subject to terms and conditions estab-
22 lished by the Secretary, the Secretary may waive the re-
23 quirement at 7 CFR 246.12(g)(6) at the request of a
24 State agency.

1 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

2 For necessary expenses to carry out the Food and
3 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.),
4 \$101,241,955,000, of which \$3,000,000,000, to remain
5 available through September 30, 2029, shall be placed in
6 reserve for use only in such amounts and at such times
7 as may become necessary to carry out program operations:
8 *Provided*, That funds provided herein shall be expended
9 in accordance with section 16 of the Food and Nutrition
10 Act of 2008: *Provided further*, That of the funds made
11 available under this heading, \$998,000 may be used to
12 provide nutrition education services to State agencies and
13 Federally Recognized Tribes participating in the Food
14 Distribution Program on Indian Reservations: *Provided*
15 *further*, That of the funds made available under this head-
16 ing, \$3,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
17 2028, shall be used to carry out section 4003(b) of Public
18 Law 115–334 relating to demonstration projects for tribal
19 organizations: *Provided further*, That of the funds made
20 available under this heading, \$4,000,000 shall be used to
21 carry out section 4208 of Public Law 115–334: *Provided*
22 *further*, That this appropriation shall be subject to any
23 work registration or workfare requirements as may be re-
24 quired by law: *Provided further*, That funds made available
25 for Employment and Training under this heading shall re-

1 main available through September 30, 2028: *Provided fur-*
2 *ther*, That funds made available under this heading for
3 section 4(b) and section 27(a) of the Food and Nutrition
4 Act of 2008 shall remain available through September 30,
5 2028: *Provided further*, That none of the funds made
6 available under this heading may be obligated or expended
7 in contravention of section 213A of the Immigration and
8 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1183A): *Provided further*, That
9 funds made available under this heading may be used to
10 enter into contracts and employ staff to conduct studies,
11 evaluations, or to conduct activities related to program in-
12 tegrity provided that such activities are authorized by the
13 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008.

14 COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

15 For necessary expenses to carry out disaster and
16 commodity assistance, \$546,070,000, to remain available
17 through September 30, 2028, of which \$460,000,000 shall
18 be for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, as au-
19 thorized by section 4(a) of the Agriculture and Consumer
20 Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note), \$75,000,000
21 shall be for the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983,
22 \$1,070,000 shall be for assistance for the nuclear affected
23 islands, as authorized by section 103(f)(2) of the Compact
24 of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (Public Law
25 108–188), and \$10,000,000 shall be for the Farmers’

1 Market Nutrition Program, as authorized by section
2 17(m) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966: *Provided*, That
3 none of these funds shall be available to reimburse the
4 Commodity Credit Corporation for commodities donated
5 to the program: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding
6 any other provision of law, effective with funds made avail-
7 able in fiscal year 2027 to support the Seniors Farmers'
8 Market Nutrition Program, as authorized by section 4402
9 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002,
10 such funds shall remain available through September 30,
11 2028: *Provided further*, That of the funds made available
12 under section 27(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
13 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)), the Secretary may use up to 20 per-
14 cent for costs associated with the distribution of commod-
15 ities.

16 NUTRITION PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION

17 For necessary administrative expenses of the Food
18 and Nutrition Service for carrying out any domestic nutri-
19 tion assistance program, \$135,234,000: *Provided*, That of
20 the funds provided herein, \$2,000,000 shall be used for
21 the purposes of section 4404 of Public Law 107–171, as
22 amended by section 4401 of Public Law 110–246.

1 TITLE V
2 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND RELATED
3 PROGRAMS

4 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND
5 FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS

6 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
7 Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs,
8 \$614,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
9 Act to any agency in the Trade and Foreign Agricultural
10 Affairs mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-
11 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for
12 the Office.

13 OFFICE OF CODEX ALIMENTARIUS

14 For necessary expenses of the Office of Codex
15 Alimentarius, \$4,922,000, including not to exceed
16 \$100,000 for official reception and representation ex-
17 penses.

18 FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

19 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

20 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

21 For necessary expenses of the Foreign Agricultural
22 Service, including not to exceed \$250,000 for representa-
23 tion allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of
24 the Act approved August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766),
25 \$230,000,000, of which no more than 6 percent shall re-

1 main available until September 30, 2028, for overseas op-
2 erations to include the payment of locally employed staff:
3 *Provided*, That the Service may utilize advances of funds,
4 or reimburse this appropriation for expenditures made on
5 behalf of Federal agencies, public and private organiza-
6 tions and institutions under agreements executed pursu-
7 ant to the agricultural food production assistance pro-
8 grams (7 U.S.C. 1737): *Provided further*, That of the
9 funds made available under this heading, \$5,000,000, to
10 remain available until expended, shall be for the Cochran
11 Fellowship Program, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 3293,
12 \$4,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be
13 for the Borlaug International Agricultural Science and
14 Technology Fellowship program, as authorized by 7
15 U.S.C. 3319j, and up to \$2,000,000, to remain available
16 until expended, shall be for the purpose of offsetting fluc-
17 tuations in international currency exchange rates, subject
18 to documentation by the Foreign Agricultural Service.

19 FOOD FOR PEACE TITLE II GRANTS

20 For expenses during the current fiscal year, not oth-
21 erwise recoverable, and unrecovered prior years' costs, in-
22 cluding interest thereon, under the Food for Peace Act
23 (Public Law 83-480), for commodities and expenses sup-
24 plied in connection with dispositions abroad under title II

1 of said Act, \$900,000,000, to remain available until ex-
2 pended.

3 MCGOVERN-DOLE INTERNATIONAL FOOD FOR EDUCATION
4 AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM GRANTS

5 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions
6 of section 3107 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
7 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1736o–1), \$240,000,000, to
8 remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the Com-
9 modity Credit Corporation is authorized to provide the
10 services, facilities, and authorities for the purpose of im-
11 plementing such section, subject to reimbursement from
12 amounts provided herein: *Provided further*, That of the
13 amount made available under this heading, not more than
14 10 percent, but not less than \$24,000,000, shall remain
15 available until expended to purchase agricultural commod-
16 ities as described in subsection 3107(a)(2) of the Farm
17 Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C.
18 1736o–1(a)(2)).

19 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION EXPORT (LOANS)
20 CREDIT GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT
21 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

22 For administrative expenses to carry out the Com-
23 modity Credit Corporation’s Export Guarantee Program,
24 GSM 102 and GSM 103, \$6,063,000, to cover common
25 overhead expenses as permitted by section 11 of the Com-

1 modify Credit Corporation Charter Act and in conformity
2 with the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, which shall
3 be paid to the appropriation for “Foreign Agricultural
4 Service, Salaries and Expenses”.

1 TITLE VI
2 RELATED AGENCIES AND FOOD AND DRUG
3 ADMINISTRATION
4 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
5 FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
6 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
7 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

8 For necessary expenses of the Food and Drug Ad-
9 ministration, including hire and purchase of passenger
10 motor vehicles; for payment of space rental and related
11 costs pursuant to Public Law 92–313 for programs and
12 activities of the Food and Drug Administration which are
13 included in this Act; for rental of special purpose space
14 in the District of Columbia or elsewhere; for miscellaneous
15 and emergency expenses of enforcement activities, author-
16 ized and approved by the Secretary and to be accounted
17 for solely on the Secretary’s certificate, not to exceed
18 \$25,000; and notwithstanding section 521 of Public Law
19 107–188; \$7,109,336,000 (increased by \$1,000,000) (re-
20 duced by \$1,000,000): *Provided*, That of the amount pro-
21 vided under this heading, \$1,639,642,000 shall be derived
22 from prescription drug user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C.
23 379h, and shall be credited to this account and remain
24 available until expended; \$560,251,000 shall be derived
25 from medical device user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C.

1 379j, and shall be credited to this account and remain
2 available until expended; \$704,432,000 shall be derived
3 from human generic drug user fees authorized by 21
4 U.S.C. 379j–42, and shall be credited to this account and
5 remain available until expended; \$61,985,000 shall be de-
6 rived from biosimilar biological product user fees author-
7 ized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–52, and shall be credited to this
8 account and remain available until expended; \$36,374,000
9 shall be derived from animal drug user fees authorized by
10 21 U.S.C. 379j–12, and shall be credited to this account
11 and remain available until expended; \$28,559,000 shall be
12 derived from generic new animal drug user fees authorized
13 by 21 U.S.C. 379j–21, and shall be credited to this ac-
14 count and remain available until expended; \$712,000,000
15 shall be derived from tobacco product user fees authorized
16 by 21 U.S.C. 387s, and shall be credited to this account
17 and remain available until expended: *Provided further,*
18 That in addition to and notwithstanding any other provi-
19 sion under this heading, amounts collected for prescription
20 drug user fees, medical device user fees, human generic
21 drug user fees, biosimilar biological product user fees, ani-
22 mal drug user fees, and generic new animal drug user fees
23 that exceed the respective fiscal year 2027 limitations are
24 appropriated and shall be credited to this account and re-
25 main available until expended: *Provided further,* That fees

1 derived from prescription drug, medical device, human ge-
2 neric drug, biosimilar biological product, animal drug, and
3 generic new animal drug assessments for fiscal year 2027,
4 including any such fees collected prior to fiscal year 2027
5 but credited for fiscal year 2027, shall be subject to the
6 fiscal year 2027 limitations: *Provided further*, That the
7 Secretary may accept payment during fiscal year 2027 of
8 user fees specified under this heading and authorized for
9 fiscal year 2028, prior to the due date for such fees, and
10 that amounts of such fees assessed for fiscal year 2028
11 for which the Secretary accepts payment in fiscal year
12 2027 shall not be included in amounts under this heading:
13 *Provided further*, That none of these funds shall be used
14 to develop, establish, or operate any program of user fees
15 authorized by 31 U.S.C. 9701: *Provided further*, That of
16 the total amount appropriated: (1) \$1,279,088,000 shall
17 be for the Human Foods Program and for related field
18 activities, including inspections, investigations, and import
19 operations, conducted by the Human Foods Program, the
20 Office of Inspections and Investigations, or the Office of
21 the Chief Scientist, of which no less than \$15,000,000
22 shall be used for inspections of foreign seafood manufac-
23 turers and field examinations of imported seafood; (2)
24 \$2,536,961,000 shall be for the Center for Drug Evalua-
25 tion and Research and for related field activities, including

1 inspections, investigations, and import operations, con-
2 ducted by the Center, the Office of Inspections and Inves-
3 tations, or the Office of the Chief Scientist, of which no
4 less than \$10,000,000 shall be for pilots to increase unan-
5 nounced foreign inspections and shall remain available
6 until expended; (3) \$576,096,000 shall be for the Center
7 for Biologics Evaluation and Research and for related field
8 activities, including inspections, investigations, and import
9 operations, conducted by the Center, the Office of Inspec-
10 tions and Investigations, or the Office of the Chief Sci-
11 entist; (4) \$268,032,000 shall be for the Center for Veteri-
12 nary Medicine and for related field activities, including in-
13 spections, investigations, and import operations, con-
14 ducted by the Center, the Office of Inspections and Inves-
15 tations, or the Office of the Chief Scientist; (5)
16 \$985,566,000 shall be for the Center for Devices and Ra-
17 diological Health and for related field activities, including
18 inspections, investigations, and import operations, con-
19 ducted by the Center, the Office of Inspections and Inves-
20 tations, or the Office of the Chief Scientist; (6)
21 \$69,453,000 shall be for the National Center for Toxi-
22 cological Research; (7) \$687,120,000 shall be for the Cen-
23 ter for Tobacco Products and for related field activities,
24 including inspections, investigations, and import oper-
25 ations, conducted by the Center, the Office of Inspections

1 and Investigations, or the Office of the Chief Scientist;
2 (8) \$257,928,000 shall be for Rent and Related activities,
3 of which \$44,400,000 is for White Oak Consolidation,
4 other than the amounts paid to the General Services Ad-
5 ministration for rent; (9) \$154,335,000 shall be for pay-
6 ments to the General Services Administration for rent;
7 and (10) \$294,757,000 shall be for other activities, includ-
8 ing the Office of the Commissioner of Food and Drugs,
9 the Office of the Chief Scientist, the Office of the Chief
10 Medical Officer, and central services for these offices: *Pro-*
11 *vided further*, That not to exceed \$25,000 of this amount
12 shall be for official reception and representation expenses,
13 not otherwise provided for, as determined by the Commis-
14 sioner: *Provided further*, That any transfer of funds pursu-
15 ant to, and for the administration of, section 770(n) of
16 the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.
17 379dd(n)) shall only be from amounts made available
18 under this heading for other activities and shall not exceed
19 \$2,000,000: *Provided further*, That of the amounts that
20 are made available under this heading for “other activi-
21 ties”, and that are not derived from user fees, \$1,500,000
22 shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriation
23 for “Department of Health and Human Services—Office
24 of Inspector General” for oversight of the programs and
25 operations of the Food and Drug Administration and shall

1 be in addition to funds otherwise made available for over-
 2 sight of the Food and Drug Administration: *Provided fur-*
 3 *ther*, That funds may be transferred from one specified
 4 activity to another with the prior approval of the Commit-
 5 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

6 In addition, mammography user fees authorized by
 7 42 U.S.C. 263b, export certification user fees authorized
 8 by 21 U.S.C. 381, priority review user fees authorized by
 9 21 U.S.C. 360n and 360ff, food and feed recall fees, food
 10 reinspection fees, and voluntary qualified importer pro-
 11 gram fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–31, outsourcing
 12 facility fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–62, prescription
 13 drug wholesale distributor licensing and inspection fees
 14 authorized by 21 U.S.C. 353(e)(3), third-party logistics
 15 provider licensing and inspection fees authorized by 21
 16 U.S.C. 360eee–3(c)(1), third-party auditor fees authorized
 17 by 21 U.S.C. 384d(c)(8), medical countermeasure priority
 18 review voucher user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 360bbb–
 19 4a, and fees relating to over-the-counter monograph drugs
 20 authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–72 shall be credited to this
 21 account, to remain available until expended.

22 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

23 For plans, construction, repair, improvement, exten-
 24 sion, alteration, demolition, and purchase of fixed equip-
 25 ment or facilities of or used by the Food and Drug Admin-

1 istration, where not otherwise provided, \$1,000,000, to re-
2 main available until expended.

3 INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

4 COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

5 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

6 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions
7 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1 et seq.), in-
8 cluding the purchase and hire of passenger motor vehicles,
9 and the rental of space (to include multiple year leases),
10 in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, \$355,000,000,
11 including not to exceed \$3,000 for official reception and
12 representation expenses, and not to exceed \$25,000 for the
13 expenses for consultations and meetings hosted by the
14 Commission with foreign governmental and other regu-
15 latory officials, of which not less than \$80,000,000 (re-
16 duced by \$2,000,000) (increased by \$2,000,000) shall re-
17 main available until September 30, 2029, and of which
18 not less than \$5,773,000 shall be for expenses of the Of-
19 fice of the Inspector General: *Provided*, That notwith-
20 standing the limitations in 31 U.S.C. 1553, amounts pro-
21 vided under this heading are available for the liquidation
22 of obligations equal to current year payments on leases
23 entered into prior to the date of enactment of this Act:
24 *Provided further*, That for the purpose of recording and
25 liquidating any lease obligations that should have been re-

1 corded and liquidated against accounts closed pursuant to
2 31 U.S.C. 1552, and consistent with the preceding pro-
3 viso, such amounts shall be transferred to and recorded
4 in a no-year account in the Treasury, which has been es-
5 tablished for the sole purpose of recording adjustments for
6 and liquidating such unpaid obligations.

7 FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

8 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

9 Not to exceed \$106,500,000 (from assessments col-
10 lected from farm credit institutions, including the Federal
11 Agricultural Mortgage Corporation) shall be obligated
12 during the current fiscal year for administrative expenses
13 as authorized under 12 U.S.C. 2249: *Provided*, That this
14 limitation shall not apply to expenses associated with re-
15 ceiverships: *Provided further*, That the agency may exceed
16 this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification to the
17 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
18 gress: *Provided further*, That the purposes of section
19 3.7(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C.
20 2128(b)(2)(A)(i)), the Farm Credit Administration may
21 exempt, an amount in its sole discretion, from the applica-
22 tion of the limitation provided in that clause of export
23 loans described in the clause guaranteed or insured in a
24 manner other than described in subclause (II) of the
25 clause.

1 TITLE VII
2 GENERAL PROVISIONS
3 (INCLUDING RESCISSIONS AND TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)
4 SEC. 701. The Secretary may use any appropriations
5 made available to the Department of Agriculture in this
6 Act to purchase new passenger motor vehicles, in addition
7 to specific appropriations for this purpose, so long as the
8 total number of vehicles purchased in fiscal year 2027
9 does not exceed the number of vehicles owned or leased
10 in fiscal year 2018: *Provided*, That, prior to purchasing
11 additional motor vehicles, the Secretary must determine
12 that such vehicles are necessary for transportation safety,
13 to reduce operational costs, and for the protection of life,
14 property, and public safety: *Provided further*, That the
15 Secretary may not increase the Department of Agri-
16 culture's fleet above the 2018 level unless the Secretary
17 notifies in writing, and receives approval from, the Com-
18 mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
19 within 30 days of the notification.
20 SEC. 702. Notwithstanding any other provision of
21 this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may transfer unobli-
22 gated balances of discretionary funds appropriated by this
23 Act or any other available unobligated discretionary bal-
24 ances that are remaining available of the Department of
25 Agriculture to the Working Capital Fund for the acquisi-

1 tion of property, plant and equipment and for the improve-
2 ment, delivery, and implementation of Department finan-
3 cial, and administrative information technology services,
4 and other support systems necessary for the delivery of
5 financial, administrative, and information technology serv-
6 ices, including cloud adoption and migration, of primary
7 benefit to the agencies of the Department of Agriculture,
8 such transferred funds to remain available until expended:
9 *Provided*, That none of the funds made available by this
10 Act or any other Act shall be transferred to the Working
11 Capital Fund without the prior approval of the agency ad-
12 ministrator: *Provided further*, That none of the funds
13 transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to this
14 section shall be available for obligation without written no-
15 tification to and the prior approval of the Committees on
16 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided fur-*
17 *ther*, That none of the funds appropriated by this Act or
18 made available to the Department's Working Capital
19 Fund shall be available for obligation or expenditure to
20 make any changes to the Department's National Finance
21 Center without written notification to and prior approval
22 of the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of
23 Congress as required by section 716 of this Act: *Provided*
24 *further*, That none of the funds appropriated by this Act
25 or made available to the Department's Working Capital

1 Fund shall be available for obligation or expenditure to
2 initiate, plan, develop, implement, or make any changes
3 to remove or relocate any systems, missions, personnel, or
4 functions of the offices of the Chief Financial Officer and
5 the Chief Information Officer, co-located with or from the
6 National Finance Center prior to written notification to
7 and prior approval of the Committee on Appropriations
8 of both Houses of Congress and in accordance with the
9 requirements of section 716 of this Act: *Provided further*,
10 That the National Finance Center Information Tech-
11 nology Services Division personnel and data center man-
12 agement responsibilities, and control of any functions,
13 missions, and systems for current and future human re-
14 sources management and integrated personnel and payroll
15 systems (PPS) and functions provided by the Chief Finan-
16 cial Officer and the Chief Information Officer shall remain
17 in the National Finance Center and under the manage-
18 ment responsibility and administrative control of the Na-
19 tional Finance Center: *Provided further*, That the Sec-
20 retary of Agriculture and the offices of the Chief Financial
21 Officer shall actively market to existing and new Depart-
22 ments and other government agencies National Finance
23 Center shared services including, but not limited to, pay-
24 roll, financial management, and human capital shared
25 services and allow the National Finance Center to perform

1 technology upgrades: *Provided further*, That of annual in-
2 come amounts in the Working Capital Fund of the De-
3 partment of Agriculture allocated for the National Fi-
4 nance Center, the Secretary shall reserve not more than
5 4 percent for the replacement or acquisition of capital
6 equipment, including equipment for the improvement, de-
7 livery, and implementation of financial, administrative,
8 and information technology services, and other systems of
9 the National Finance Center or to pay any unforeseen,
10 extraordinary cost of the National Finance Center: *Pro-*
11 *vided further*, That none of the amounts reserved shall be
12 available for obligation unless the Secretary submits writ-
13 ten notification of the obligation to the Committees on Ap-
14 propriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*,
15 That the limitations on the obligation of funds pending
16 notification to Congressional Committees shall not apply
17 to any obligation that, as determined by the Secretary,
18 is necessary to respond to a declared state of emergency
19 that significantly impacts the operations of the National
20 Finance Center; or to evacuate employees of the National
21 Finance Center to a safe haven to continue operations of
22 the National Finance Center.

23 SEC. 703. No part of any appropriation contained in
24 this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the
25 current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

1 SEC. 704. No funds appropriated by this Act may be
2 used to pay negotiated indirect cost rates on cooperative
3 agreements or similar arrangements between the United
4 States Department of Agriculture and nonprofit institu-
5 tions in excess of 10 percent of the total direct cost of
6 the agreement when the purpose of such cooperative ar-
7 rangements is to carry out programs of mutual interest
8 between the two parties. This does not preclude appro-
9 priate payment of indirect costs on grants and contracts
10 with such institutions when such indirect costs are com-
11 puted on a similar basis for all agencies for which appro-
12 priations are provided in this Act.

13 SEC. 705. Appropriations to the Department of Agri-
14 culture for the cost of direct and guaranteed loans made
15 available in the current fiscal year shall remain available
16 until expended to disburse obligations made in the current
17 fiscal year for the following accounts: The Rural Develop-
18 ment Loan Fund program account, the Rural Electrifica-
19 tion and Telecommunication Loans program account, and
20 the Rural Housing Insurance Fund program account.

21 SEC. 706. None of the funds made available to the
22 Department of Agriculture by this Act may be used to ac-
23 quire new information technology systems or significant
24 upgrades, as determined by the Office of the Chief Infor-
25 mation Officer, without the approval of the Chief Informa-

1 tion Officer and the concurrence of the Executive Informa-
2 tion Technology Investment Review Board: *Provided*, That
3 notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the
4 funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this
5 Act may be transferred to the Office of the Chief Informa-
6 tion Officer without written notification to and the prior
7 approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both
8 Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That notwith-
9 standing section 11319 of title 40, United States Code,
10 none of the funds available to the Department of Agri-
11 culture for information technology shall be obligated for
12 projects, contracts, or other agreements over \$25,000
13 prior to receipt of written approval by the Chief Informa-
14 tion Officer: *Provided further*, That the Chief Information
15 Officer may authorize an agency to obligate funds without
16 written approval from the Chief Information Officer for
17 projects, contracts, or other agreements up to \$250,000
18 based upon the performance of an agency measured
19 against the performance plan requirements described in
20 the explanatory statement accompanying Public Law 113–
21 235.

22 SEC. 707. Funds made available under section 524(b)
23 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1524(b)) in
24 the current fiscal year shall remain available until ex-

1 pended to disburse obligations made in the current fiscal
2 year.

3 SEC. 708. Notwithstanding any other provision of
4 law, any former Rural Utilities Service borrower that has
5 repaid or prepaid an insured, direct or guaranteed loan
6 under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, or any not-
7 for-profit utility that is eligible to receive an insured or
8 direct loan under such Act, shall be eligible for assistance
9 under section 313B(a) of such Act in the same manner
10 as a borrower under such Act.

11 SEC. 709. Except as otherwise specifically provided
12 by law, not more than \$20,000,000 in unobligated bal-
13 ances from appropriations made available for salaries and
14 expenses in this Act for the Farm Service Agency shall
15 remain available through September 30, 2028, for infor-
16 mation technology expenses.

17 SEC. 710. None of the funds appropriated or other-
18 wise made available by this Act may be used for first-class
19 travel by the employees of agencies funded by this Act in
20 contravention of sections 301–10.122 through 301–10.124
21 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.

22 SEC. 711. In the case of each program established
23 or amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law
24 113–79) or by a successor to that Act, other than by title
25 I or subtitle A of title III of such Act, or programs for

1 which indefinite amounts were provided in that Act, that
2 is authorized or required to be carried out using funds
3 of the Commodity Credit Corporation—

4 (1) such funds shall be available for salaries
5 and related administrative expenses, including tech-
6 nical assistance, associated with the implementation
7 of the program, without regard to the limitation on
8 the total amount of allotments and fund transfers
9 contained in section 11 of the Commodity Credit
10 Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714i); and

11 (2) the use of such funds for such purpose shall
12 not be considered to be a fund transfer or allotment
13 for purposes of applying the limitation on the total
14 amount of allotments and fund transfers contained
15 in such section.

16 SEC. 712. Of the funds made available by this Act,
17 not more than \$2,900,000 shall be used to cover necessary
18 expenses of activities related to all advisory committees,
19 panels, commissions, and task forces of the Department
20 of Agriculture, except for panels used to comply with nego-
21 tiated rule makings and panels used to evaluate competi-
22 tively awarded grants.

23 SEC. 713. (a) None of the funds made available in
24 this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer

1 network unless such network blocks the viewing,
2 downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

3 (b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of
4 funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law
5 enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out crimi-
6 nal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

7 SEC. 714. Notwithstanding subsection (b) of section
8 14222 of Public Law 110–246 (7 U.S.C. 612c–6; in this
9 section referred to as “section 14222”), none of the funds
10 appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any
11 other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and expenses
12 of personnel to carry out a program under section 32 of
13 the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c; in this section
14 referred to as “section 32”) in excess of \$1,717,000,000
15 (exclusive of carryover appropriations from prior fiscal
16 years), as follows: Child Nutrition Programs Entitlement
17 Commodities—\$485,000,000; State Option Contracts—
18 \$5,000,000; Removal of Defective Commodities—
19 \$2,500,000; Administration of section 32 Commodity Pur-
20 chases—\$41,862,000: *Provided*, That, of the total funds
21 made available in the matter preceding this proviso that
22 remain unobligated on October 1, 2027, such unobligated
23 balances shall carryover into fiscal year 2028 and shall
24 remain available until expended for any of the purposes
25 of section 32, except that any such carryover funds used

1 in accordance with clause (3) of section 32 may not exceed
2 \$350,000,000 and may not be obligated until the Sec-
3 retary of Agriculture provides written notification of the
4 expenditures to the Committees on Appropriations of both
5 Houses of Congress at least two weeks in advance: *Pro-*
6 *vided further*, That, with the exception of any available
7 carryover funds authorized in any prior appropriations Act
8 to be used for the purposes of clause (3) of section 32,
9 none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made avail-
10 able by this or any other Act shall be used to pay the
11 salaries or expenses of any employee of the Department
12 of Agriculture to carry out clause (3) of section 32.

13 SEC. 715. None of the funds appropriated by this or
14 any other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and ex-
15 penses of personnel who prepare or submit appropriations
16 language as part of the President's budget submission to
17 the Congress for programs under the jurisdiction of the
18 Appropriations Subcommittees on Agriculture, Rural De-
19 velopment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related
20 Agencies that assumes revenues or reflects a reduction
21 from the previous year due to user fees proposals that
22 have not been enacted into law prior to the submission
23 of the budget unless such budget submission identifies
24 which additional spending reductions should occur in the
25 event the user fees proposals are not enacted prior to the

1 date of the convening of a committee of conference for
2 the fiscal year 2027 appropriations Act.

3 SEC. 716. (a) None of the funds provided by this Act,
4 or provided by previous appropriations Acts to the agen-
5 cies funded by this Act that remain available for obligation
6 or expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from
7 any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of
8 fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be
9 available for obligation or expenditure through a re-
10 programming, transfer of funds, or reimbursements as au-
11 thorized by the Economy Act, or in the case of the Depart-
12 ment of Agriculture, through use of the authority provided
13 by section 702(b) of the Department of Agriculture Or-
14 ganic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2257) or section 8 of Public
15 Law 89–106 (7 U.S.C. 2263), that—

- 16 (1) creates new programs;
- 17 (2) eliminates a program, project, or activity;
- 18 (3) increases funds or personnel by any means
19 for any project or activity for which funds have been
20 denied or restricted;
- 21 (4) relocates an office or employees;
- 22 (5) reorganizes offices, programs, or activities;
- 23 or
- 24 (6) contracts out or privatizes any functions or
25 activities presently performed by Federal employees;

1 unless the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of
2 Health and Human Services, or the Chairman of the Com-
3 modity Futures Trading Commission (as the case may be)
4 notifies in writing and receives approval from the Commit-
5 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least
6 30 days in advance of the reprogramming of such funds
7 or the use of such authority.

8 (b) None of the funds provided by this Act, or pro-
9 vided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies
10 funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or
11 expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from
12 any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of
13 fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be
14 available for obligation or expenditure for activities, pro-
15 grams, or projects through a reprogramming or use of the
16 authorities referred to in subsection (a) involving funds
17 in excess of \$500,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less,
18 that—

19 (1) augments existing programs, projects, or ac-
20 tivities;

21 (2) reduces by 10 percent funding for any exist-
22 ing program, project, or activity, or numbers of per-
23 sonnel by 10 percent as approved by Congress; or

24 (3) results from any general savings from a re-
25 duction in personnel which would result in a change

1 in existing programs, activities, or projects as ap-
2 proved by Congress;
3 unless the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of
4 Health and Human Services, or the Chairman of the Com-
5 modity Futures Trading Commission (as the case may be)
6 notifies in writing and receives approval from the Commit-
7 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least
8 30 days in advance of the reprogramming or transfer of
9 such funds or the use of such authority.

10 (c) The Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of
11 Health and Human Services, or the Chairman of the Com-
12 modity Futures Trading Commission shall notify in writ-
13 ing and receive approval from the Committees on Appro-
14 priations of both Houses of Congress before implementing
15 any program or activity not carried out during the pre-
16 vious fiscal year unless the program or activity is funded
17 by this Act or specifically funded by any other Act.

18 (d) None of the funds provided by this Act, or pro-
19 vided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies
20 funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or
21 expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from
22 any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of
23 fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be
24 available for—

1 (1) modifying major capital investments fund-
2 ing levels, including information technology systems,
3 that involves increasing or decreasing funds in the
4 current fiscal year for the individual investment in
5 excess of \$500,000 or 10 percent of the total cost,
6 whichever is less;

7 (2) realigning or reorganizing new, current, or
8 vacant positions or agency activities or functions to
9 establish a center, office, branch, or similar entity
10 with five or more personnel; or

11 (3) carrying out activities or functions that
12 were not described in the budget request;

13 unless the agencies funded by this Act notify, in writing,
14 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
15 gress at least 30 days in advance of using the funds for
16 these purposes.

17 (e) As described in this section, no funds may be used
18 for any activities unless the Secretary of Agriculture, the
19 Secretary of Health and Human Services, or the Chair-
20 man of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission re-
21 ceives from the Committee on Appropriations of both
22 Houses of Congress written or electronic mail confirma-
23 tion of receipt of the notification as required in this sec-
24 tion.

1 SEC. 717. Notwithstanding section 310B(g)(5) of the
2 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
3 1932(g)(5)), the Secretary may assess a one-time fee for
4 any guaranteed business and industry loan in an amount
5 that does not exceed 3 percent of the guaranteed principal
6 portion of the loan.

7 SEC. 718. None of the funds appropriated or other-
8 wise made available to the Department of Agriculture, the
9 Food and Drug Administration, the Commodity Futures
10 Trading Commission, or the Farm Credit Administration
11 shall be used to transmit or otherwise make available re-
12 ports, questions, or responses to questions that are a re-
13 sult of information requested for the appropriations hear-
14 ing process to any non-Department of Agriculture, non-
15 Department of Health and Human Services, non-Com-
16 modity Futures Trading Commission, or non-Farm Credit
17 Administration employee.

18 SEC. 719. Unless otherwise authorized by existing
19 law, none of the funds provided in this Act, may be used
20 by an executive branch agency to produce any pre-
21 packaged news story intended for broadcast or distribution
22 in the United States unless the story includes a clear noti-
23 fication within the text or audio of the prepackaged news
24 story that the prepackaged news story was prepared or
25 funded by that executive branch agency.

1 SEC. 720. No employee of the Department of Agri-
2 culture may be detailed or assigned from an agency or
3 office funded by this Act or any other Act to any other
4 agency or office of the Department for more than 60 days
5 in a fiscal year unless the individual's employing agency
6 or office is fully reimbursed by the receiving agency or
7 office for the salary and expenses of the employee for the
8 period of assignment.

9 SEC. 721. Not later than 30 days after the date of
10 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, the
11 Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, the
12 Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commis-
13 sion, and the Chairman of the Farm Credit Administra-
14 tion shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of
15 the House of Representatives and the Senate a detailed
16 obligation plan delineated by program, project, and activ-
17 ity, as defined in the report accompanying this Act, for
18 all amounts made available by this Act and prior appro-
19 priations Acts that remain available for obligation, includ-
20 ing appropriated user fees and loan authorizations: *Pro-*
21 *vided*, That such obligation plan shall include breakdowns
22 of estimated obligations for each such program, project,
23 or activity by fiscal quarter, source appropriation, and the
24 number of full-time equivalent positions supported: *Pro-*
25 *vided further*, That such obligation plan shall serve as the

1 baseline for reprogramming notifications for the purposes
2 of section 716 of this Act.

3 SEC. 722. The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide
4 written notification to the House and Senate Committees
5 on Appropriations no fewer than 3 business days in ad-
6 vance of termination of any grant, cooperative agreement,
7 or contract award totaling \$1,000,000 or more issued
8 from funds made available in this Act or any previous Act:
9 *Provided*, That such notification shall include the recipient
10 of the award, the amount of the award, the fiscal year
11 for which the funds for the award were appropriated, the
12 account and program, project, or activity from which the
13 funds are being drawn, the title of the award, and a de-
14 tailed justification for the termination.

15 SEC. 723. For the purposes of determining eligibility
16 or level of program assistance for Rural Housing Service
17 programs the Secretary shall not include incarcerated
18 prison populations.

19 SEC. 724. For loans and loan guarantees that do not
20 require budget authority and for which the program level
21 has been established in this Act, the Secretary of Agri-
22 culture may increase the program level for such loans and
23 loan guarantees by not more than 25 percent: *Provided*,
24 That for loans and loan guarantees authorized by Sections
25 4 and 306 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7

1 U.S.C. 936) that do not require budget authority and for
2 which the program level has been authorized under this
3 Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may increase the pro-
4 gram level for such loans and loan guarantees by not more
5 than 50 percent: *Provided further*, That prior to the Sec-
6 retary implementing such an increase, the Secretary noti-
7 fies, in writing, the Committees on Appropriations of both
8 Houses of Congress at least 15 days in advance.

9 SEC. 725. None of the credit card refunds or rebates
10 transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to sec-
11 tion 729 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and
12 Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropria-
13 tions Act, 2002 (7 U.S.C. 2235a; Public Law 107–76)
14 shall be available for obligation without written notifica-
15 tion to, and the prior approval of, the Committees on Ap-
16 propriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided*, That
17 the refunds or rebates so transferred shall be available for
18 obligation only for the acquisition of property, plant and
19 equipment, including equipment for the improvement, de-
20 livery, and implementation of Departmental financial
21 management, information technology, and other support
22 systems necessary for the delivery of financial, administra-
23 tive, and information technology services, including cloud
24 adoption and migration, of primary benefit to the agencies
25 of the Department of Agriculture.

1 SEC. 726. None of the funds made available by this
2 Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce the
3 “variety” requirements of the final rule entitled “Enhanc-
4 ing Retailer Standards in the Supplemental Nutrition As-
5 sistance Program (SNAP)” published by the Department
6 of Agriculture in the Federal Register on December 15,
7 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 90675) until the Secretary of Agri-
8 culture amends the definition of the term “variety” as de-
9 fined in section 278.1(b)(1)(ii)(C) of title 7, Code of Fed-
10 eral Regulations, and “variety” as applied in the definition
11 of the term “staple food” as defined in section 271.2 of
12 title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, to increase the num-
13 ber of items that qualify as acceptable varieties in each
14 staple food category so that the total number of such items
15 in each staple food category exceeds the number of such
16 items in each staple food category included in the final
17 rule as published on December 15, 2016: *Provided*, That
18 until the Secretary promulgates such regulatory amend-
19 ments, the Secretary shall apply the requirements regard-
20 ing acceptable varieties and breadth of stock to Supple-
21 mental Nutrition Assistance Program retailers that were
22 in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of
23 the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–79).

24 SEC. 727. In carrying out subsection (h) of section
25 502 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472), the

1 Secretary of Agriculture shall have the same authority
2 with respect to loans guaranteed under such section and
3 eligible lenders for such loans as the Secretary has under
4 subsections (h) and (j) of section 538 of such Act (42
5 U.S.C. 1490p-2) with respect to loans guaranteed under
6 such section 538 and eligible lenders for such loans.

7 SEC. 728. None of the funds appropriated or other-
8 wise made available by this Act shall be available for the
9 United States Department of Agriculture to propose, fi-
10 nalize or implement any regulation that would promulgate
11 new user fees pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9701 after the date
12 of the enactment of this Act.

13 SEC. 729. Notwithstanding any provision of law that
14 regulates the calculation and payment of overtime and hol-
15 iday pay for FSIS inspectors, the Secretary may charge
16 establishments subject to the inspection requirements of
17 the Poultry Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 451 et
18 seq., the Federal Meat Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 601 et
19 seq., and the Egg Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C.
20 1031 et seq., for the cost of inspection services provided
21 outside of an establishment's approved inspection shifts,
22 and for inspection services provided on Federal holidays:
23 *Provided*, That any sums charged pursuant to this para-
24 graph shall be deemed as overtime pay or holiday pay
25 under section 1001(d) of the American Rescue Plan Act

1 of 2021 (Public Law 117–2, 135 Stat. 242): *Provided fur-*
2 *ther*, That sums received by the Secretary under this para-
3 graph shall, in addition to other available funds, remain
4 available until expended to the Secretary without further
5 appropriation for the purpose of funding all costs associ-
6 ated with FSIS inspections.

7 SEC. 730. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture shall—

8 (1) conduct audits in a manner that evaluates
9 the following factors in the country or region being
10 audited, as applicable—

11 (A) veterinary control and oversight;

12 (B) disease history and vaccination prac-
13 tices;

14 (C) livestock demographics and
15 traceability;

16 (D) epidemiological separation from poten-
17 tial sources of infection;

18 (E) surveillance practices;

19 (F) diagnostic laboratory capabilities; and

20 (G) emergency preparedness and response;

21 and

22 (2) promptly make publicly available the final
23 reports of any audits or reviews conducted pursuant
24 to paragraph (1).

1 (b) This section shall be applied in a manner con-
2 sistent with United States obligations under its inter-
3 national trade agreements.

4 SEC. 731. (a)(1) No Federal funds made available for
5 this fiscal year for the rural water, waste water, waste dis-
6 posal, and solid waste management programs authorized
7 by sections 306, 306A, 306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B of
8 the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7
9 U.S.C. 1926 et seq.) shall be used for a project for the
10 construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public
11 water or wastewater system unless all of the iron and steel
12 products used in the project are produced in the United
13 States.

14 (2) In this section, the term “iron and steel products”
15 means the following products made primarily of iron or
16 steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers
17 and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges,
18 pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, rein-
19 forced precast concrete, and construction materials.

20 (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply in any case or cat-
21 egory of cases in which the Secretary of Agriculture (in
22 this section referred to as the “Secretary”) or the designee
23 of the Secretary finds that—

24 (1) applying subsection (a) would be incon-
25 sistent with the public interest;

1 (2) iron and steel products are not produced in
2 the United States in sufficient and reasonably avail-
3 able quantities or of a satisfactory quality; or

4 (3) inclusion of iron and steel products pro-
5 duced in the United States will increase the cost of
6 the overall project by more than 25 percent.

7 (c) If the Secretary or the designee receives a request
8 for a waiver under this section, the Secretary or the des-
9 ignee shall make available to the public on an informal
10 basis a copy of the request and information available to
11 the Secretary or the designee concerning the request, and
12 shall allow for informal public input on the request for
13 at least 15 days prior to making a finding based on the
14 request. The Secretary or the designee shall make the re-
15 quest and accompanying information available by elec-
16 tronic means, including on the official public Internet Web
17 site of the Department.

18 (d) This section shall be applied in a manner con-
19 sistent with United States obligations under international
20 agreements.

21 (e) The Secretary may retain up to 0.25 percent of
22 the funds appropriated in this Act for “Rural Utilities
23 Service—Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Ac-
24 count” for carrying out the provisions described in sub-

1 section (a)(1) for management and oversight of the re-
2 quirements of this section.

3 (f) Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a
4 project for which the engineering plans and specifications
5 include use of iron and steel products otherwise prohibited
6 by such subsection if the plans and specifications have re-
7 ceived required approvals from State agencies prior to the
8 date of enactment of this Act.

9 (g) For purposes of this section, the terms “United
10 States” and “State” shall include each of the several
11 States, the District of Columbia, and each Federally rec-
12 ognized Indian Tribe.

13 SEC. 732. None of the funds appropriated by this Act
14 may be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence
15 congressional action on any legislation or appropriation
16 matters pending before Congress, other than to commu-
17 nicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C.
18 1913.

19 SEC. 733. Of the total amounts made available by
20 this Act for direct loans and grants under the following
21 headings: “Rural Housing Service—Rural Housing Insur-
22 ance Fund Program Account”; “Rural Housing Service—
23 Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants”; “Rural Housing
24 Service—Rural Housing Assistance Grants”; “Rural
25 Housing Service—Rural Community Facilities Program

1 Account”; “Rural Business—Cooperative Service—Rural
 2 Business Program Account”; “Rural Business—Coopera-
 3 tive Service—Rural Economic Development Loans Pro-
 4 gram Account”; “Rural Business—Cooperative Service—
 5 Rural Cooperative Development Grants”; “Rural Busi-
 6 ness—Cooperative Service—Rural Microentrepreneur As-
 7 sistance Program”; “Rural Utilities Service—Rural Water
 8 and Waste Disposal Program Account”; “Rural Utilities
 9 Service—Rural Electrification and Telecommunications
 10 Loans Program Account”; and “Rural Utilities Service—
 11 Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Pro-
 12 gram”, to the maximum extent feasible, at least 10 per-
 13 cent of the funds shall be allocated for assistance in per-
 14 sistent poverty counties under this section, including, not-
 15 withstanding any other provision regarding population
 16 limits, any county seat of such a persistent poverty county
 17 that has a population that does not exceed the authorized
 18 population limit by more than 10 percent: *Provided*, That
 19 for purposes of this section, the term “persistent poverty
 20 counties” means any county that has had 20 percent or
 21 more of its population living in poverty over the past 30
 22 years, as measured by the 1990 and 2000 decennial cen-
 23 suses, and 2007–2011 American Community Survey 5-
 24 year average, or any territory or possession of the United
 25 States: *Provided further*, That with respect to specific ac-

1 tivities for which program levels have been made available
2 by this Act that are not supported by budget authority,
3 the requirements of this section shall be applied to such
4 program level.

5 SEC. 734. None of the funds made available by this
6 Act may be used to notify a sponsor or otherwise acknowl-
7 edge receipt of a submission for an exemption for inves-
8 tigational use of a drug or biological product under section
9 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21
10 U.S.C. 355(i)) or section 351(a)(3) of the Public Health
11 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262(a)(3)) in research in which
12 a human embryo is intentionally created or modified to
13 include a heritable genetic modification. Any such submis-
14 sion shall be deemed to have not been received by the Sec-
15 retary, and the exemption may not go into effect.

16 SEC. 735. None of the funds made available by this
17 or any other Act may be used to enforce the final rule
18 promulgated by the Food and Drug Administration enti-
19 tled “Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing,
20 and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption”, and
21 published on November 27, 2015, and the proposed rule
22 issued by the Food and Drug Administration pending at
23 the Office of Management and Budget entitled “Stand-
24 ards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding
25 Produce for Human Consumption Related to Agricultural

1 Water” (86 Fed. Reg. 69120 and 87 Fed. Reg. 42973),
2 with respect to the regulation of entities that grow, har-
3 vest, pack, or hold wine grapes, hops, pulse crops, or al-
4 monds.

5 SEC. 736. For school years 2026–2027 and 2027–
6 2028, none of the funds made available by this Act may
7 be used to restrict or limit the substitution of any vege-
8 table subgroup for fruits under the school breakfast pro-
9 gram established under section 4 of the Child Nutrition
10 Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773).

11 SEC. 737. None of the funds made available by this
12 Act or any other Act may be used—

13 (1) in contravention of section 7606 of the Ag-
14 ricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 5940), subtitle G
15 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, or sec-
16 tion 10114 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of
17 2018; or

18 (2) to prohibit the transportation, processing,
19 sale, or use of hemp, or seeds of such plant, that is
20 grown or cultivated in accordance with section 7606
21 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 or subtitle G of the
22 Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, within or out-
23 side the State in which the hemp is grown or cul-
24 tivated.

1 SEC. 738. The Secretary of Agriculture may waive
2 the matching funds requirement under section 412(g) of
3 the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Re-
4 form Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7632(g)).

5 SEC. 739. The Secretary of Agriculture shall be in-
6 cluded as a member of the Committee on Foreign Invest-
7 ment in the United States (CFIUS) on a case by case
8 basis pursuant to the authorities in section 721(k)(2)(J)
9 of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C.
10 4565(k)(2)(J)) with respect to each covered transaction
11 (as defined in section 721(a)(4) of the Defense Production
12 Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4565(a)(4))) involving agricultural
13 land, agriculture biotechnology, or the agriculture industry
14 (including agricultural transportation, agricultural stor-
15 age, and agricultural processing), as determined by the
16 CFIUS Chairperson in coordination with the Secretary of
17 Agriculture. The Secretary of Agriculture shall, to the
18 maximum extent practicable, notify CFIUS of any agricul-
19 tural land transaction that the Secretary of Agriculture
20 has reason to believe, based on information from or in co-
21 operation with the Intelligence Community, is a covered
22 transaction (A) that may pose a risk to the national secu-
23 rity of the United States, with particular emphasis on cov-
24 ered transactions of an interest in agricultural land by for-
25 eign governments or entities of concern, as defined in 42

1 U.S.C. 19221(a), including the People’s Republic of
2 China, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, the
3 Russian Federation, and the Islamic Republic of Iran; and
4 (B) with respect to which a person is required to submit
5 a report to the Secretary of Agriculture under section 2(a)
6 of the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of
7 1978 (7 U.S.C. 3501(a)).

8 SEC. 740. Any remaining unobligated balances from
9 amounts made available by section 743 of division A of
10 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law
11 115–31) may be used, in addition to any funds otherwise
12 made available for such purposes, for plans, construction,
13 repair, preventive maintenance, environmental support,
14 improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed
15 equipment or facilities, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2250,
16 and acquisition of land as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2268a.

17 SEC. 741. Funds made available under title II of the
18 Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.) may only be
19 used to provide assistance to recipient nations if adequate
20 monitoring and controls, as determined by the Secretary,
21 are in place to ensure that emergency food aid is received
22 by the intended beneficiaries in areas affected by food
23 shortages and not diverted for unauthorized or inappro-
24 priate purposes.

1 SEC. 742. None of the funds made available by this
2 Act may be used to procure raw or processed poultry prod-
3 ucts or seafood imported into the United States from the
4 People's Republic of China for use in the school lunch pro-
5 gram under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch
6 Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), the Child and Adult Care
7 Food Program under section 17 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
8 1766), the Summer Food Service Program for Children
9 under section 13 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1761), or the
10 school breakfast program under the Child Nutrition Act
11 of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.).

12 SEC. 743. For school year 2027–2028, only a school
13 food authority that had a negative balance in the nonprofit
14 school food service account as of June 30, 2026, shall be
15 required to establish a price for paid lunches in accordance
16 with section 12(p) of the Richard B. Russell National
17 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(p)).

18 SEC. 744. Any funds made available by this or any
19 other Act that the Secretary withholds pursuant to section
20 1668(g)(2) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and
21 Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5921(g)(2)), as amended,
22 shall be available for grants for biotechnology risk assess-
23 ment research: *Provided*, That the Secretary may transfer
24 such funds among appropriations of the Department of
25 Agriculture for purposes of making such grants.

1 SEC. 745. For fiscal year 2027, the maximum month-
2 ly allowances of fluid milk for the following food packages
3 described in section 246.10(e) of title 7, Code of Federal
4 Regulations, are:

5 (1) For Food Package IV, 16 quarts.

6 (2) For Food Package V, 22 quarts.

7 (3) For Food Package VI, 16 quarts.

8 (4) For Food Package VII, 24 quarts.

9 (5) For Food Package III, the maximum
10 monthly allowances of fluid milk should conform to
11 the changes made to food packages IV, V, VI, and
12 VII in this section.

13 SEC. 746. The Secretary, acting through the Chief
14 of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, may use
15 funds appropriated under this Act or any other Act for
16 the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program
17 and the Watershed Rehabilitation Program carried out
18 pursuant to the Watershed Protection and Flood Preven-
19 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), and for the Emergency
20 Watershed Protection Program carried out pursuant to
21 section 403 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (16
22 U.S.C. 2203) to provide technical services for such pro-
23 grams pursuant to section 1252(a)(1) of the Food Secu-
24 rity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3851(a)(1)), notwithstanding
25 subsection (c) of such section.

1 SEC. 747. In administering the pilot program estab-
2 lished by section 779 of division A of the Consolidated Ap-
3 propriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141), the Sec-
4 retary of Agriculture may, for purposes of determining en-
5 tities eligible to receive assistance, consider those commu-
6 nities which are “Areas Rural in Character”: *Provided*,
7 That not more than 10 percent of the funds made avail-
8 able under the heading “Distance Learning, Telemedicine,
9 and Broadband Program” for the purposes of the pilot
10 program established by section 779 of Public Law 115–
11 141 may be used for this purpose.

12 SEC. 748. Section 7502 of the Food, Conservation,
13 and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–246; 122 Stat.
14 2019) is amended by striking “or otherwise be conveyed
15 or transferred in whole or in part, for the period beginning
16 on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on
17 September 30, 2026” and inserting “beginning on the
18 date of the enactment of this Act”.

19 SEC. 749. A bank referenced in 12 U.S.C. 2128 may
20 make and participate in loans and commitments and pro-
21 vide technical and other financial assistance to coopera-
22 tives and any other public or private entity (except for the
23 Federal Government) for the purpose of installing, main-
24 taining, expanding, improving, or operating facilities in a
25 rural area as defined in 12 U.S.C. 2128(f) for the proc-

1 essing or disposal of waste from any source, provision of
2 telecommunication services, and producing electricity from
3 any source for use or sale by the borrower.

4 (RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

5 SEC. 750. Of the unobligated balances made available
6 by section 22006 of Public Law 117– 169, \$95,000,000
7 are hereby permanently cancelled: *Provided*, That no
8 amounts shall be cancelled from amounts that were des-
9 ignated by the Congress as an emergency requirement
10 pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the
11 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
12 1985.

13 SEC. 751. There is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000,
14 to remain available until expended, to carry out section
15 758 of division B of Public Law 118–42, in addition to
16 amounts otherwise available for such purpose.

17 SEC. 752. None of the funds appropriated or other-
18 wise made available by this Act may be used by the Food
19 and Drug Administration (FDA) to issue or promote any
20 new guidelines or regulations applicable to food manufac-
21 turers of low risk ready-to-eat (RTE) foods for *Listeria*
22 *monocytogenes* (Lm) until the FDA considers the avail-
23 able new science in developing the Compliance Policy
24 Guide (CPG), Guidance for FDA Staff, section 555.320

1 *Listeria monocytogenes* regarding Lm in low-risk foods,
2 meaning foods that do not support the growth of Lm.

3 SEC. 753. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision
4 of law, not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall—

6 (1) amend the covered Food Packages to require the
7 inclusion of peanut-containing foods for the purposes of
8 early introduction of potentially allergenic foods; and

9 (2) ensure that all such peanut-containing foods eligi-
10 ble are safe for consumption by infants.

11 (b) The Secretary of Agriculture shall carry out sub-
12 section (a) in a manner consistent with the recommenda-
13 tions for early introduction of peanut-containing foods in-
14 cluded in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2025-
15 2030, published under section 301 of the National Nutri-
16 tion Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990 (7
17 U.S.C. 5341).

18 (c) In this section, the term “covered Food Pack-
19 ages” means Food Packages I and II under section 246.10
20 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, as amended by
21 the rule entitled “Special Supplemental Nutrition Pro-
22 gram for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): Revisions
23 to the WIC Food Packages” published by the Department
24 of Agriculture in the Federal Register on April 18, 2024
25 (89 Fed. Reg. 28488).

1 SEC. 754. Section 9(a)(2) of the Richard B. Russell
2 National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(a)(2)) is
3 amended—

4 (1) in subparagraph (A), in the matter pre-
5 ceding clause (i), by striking “Act—” and inserting
6 “Act and breakfasts served by schools participating
7 in the school breakfast program under section 4 of
8 the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773)—
9 ”;

10 (2) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “or the
11 school breakfast program under section 4 of the
12 Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773)” after
13 “Act”; and

14 (3) in subparagraph (D), by striking “section
15 210.10” and inserting “sections 210.10 and 220.8”.

16 SEC. 755. If services performed by APHIS employees
17 are determined by the Administrator of the Animal and
18 Plant Health Inspection Service to be in response to an
19 animal disease or plant health emergency outbreak, any
20 premium pay that is funded, either directly or through re-
21 imbursement, shall be exempted from the aggregate of
22 basic pay and premium pay calculated under section
23 5547(b)(1) and (2) of title 5, United States Code, and
24 any other provision of law limiting the aggregate amount

1 of premium pay payable on a biweekly or calendar year
2 basis.

3 SEC. 756. None of the funds made available by this
4 Act may be used to pay the salaries or expenses of per-
5 sonnel—

6 (1) to inspect horses under section 3 of the
7 Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 603);

8 (2) to inspect horses under section 903 of the
9 Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of
10 1996 (7 U.S.C. 1901 note; Public Law 104–127); or

11 (3) to implement or enforce section 352.19 of
12 title 9, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor
13 regulation).

14 SEC. 757. None of the funds made available by this
15 Act may be used by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Com-
16 missioner of Food and Drugs, the Chairman of the Com-
17 modity Futures Trading Commission, or the Chairman of
18 the Farm Credit Administration to fly or display a flag
19 over a facility of the Department of Agriculture, the Food
20 and Drug Administration, the Commodity Futures Trad-
21 ing Commission, or the Farm Credit Administration other
22 than the flag of the United States; the flag of a State,
23 territory, the District of Columbia; the flag of an Indian
24 Tribal Government; the official flag of a U.S. Department
25 or agency; or the Prisoners of War/Missing in Action flag.

1 SEC. 758. None of the funds made available by this
2 or any other Act thereafter may be used to write, prepare,
3 or publish a proposed rule, final rule, or an interim final
4 rule in furtherance of, or otherwise to implement or en-
5 force the final rule entitled “Transparency in Poultry
6 Grower Contracting and Tournaments”, published by the
7 Department of Agriculture in the Federal Register on No-
8 vember 28, 2023 (88 Fed. Reg. 83210 et seq.), the final
9 rule entitled “Inclusive Competition and Market Integrity
10 Under the Packers and Stockyards Act”, published by the
11 Department of Agriculture in the Federal Register on
12 March 6, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 16092 et seq.), the final
13 rule entitled “Poultry Grower Payment Systems and Cap-
14 ital Improvement Systems”, published by the Department
15 of Agriculture in the Federal Register on January 16,
16 2025 (90 Fed. Reg. 5146 et seq.), the proposed rule enti-
17 tled “Fair and Competitive Livestock and Poultry Mar-
18 kets”, published by the Department of Agriculture in the
19 Federal Register on June 28, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 53886
20 et seq.), or any subsequent substantially similar rule-
21 making effort, except that funds may be used to, and the
22 Secretary of Agriculture shall, withdraw or rescind any
23 such proposed rules, advanced notices of proposed rule-
24 making, and any such rules that may have been finalized,
25 and discontinue and provide notice of closure to affected

1 parties of any investigations or enforcement activities
2 pending under said rules.

3 SEC. 759. None of the funds made available by this
4 Act may be used by the Department of Agriculture to im-
5 plement or enforce the reduced maximum allowable loan
6 limit of 60 percent established in Field Office Handbook-
7 1-3550 for loans issued made on or after February 10,
8 2026 (PN655); *Provided*, That the maximum allowable
9 loan limit of 80 percent established in prior Field Office
10 Handbooks shall remain in effect unless the Department
11 of Agriculture issues a proposed rule, with notice and com-
12 ment, that establishes a reduced maximum allowable loan
13 limit, and is subsequently finalized.

14 SEC. 760. Notwithstanding any other provision of
15 law, the acceptable market name of any engineered animal
16 approved prior to the effective date of the National Bio-
17 engineered Food Disclosure Standard (February 19,
18 2019) shall include the words “genetically engineered”
19 prior to the existing acceptable market name.

20 SEC. 761. Section 522(c) of the Federal Crop Insur-
21 ance Act (7 U.S.C. 1522(c)) is amended by adding at the
22 end the following:

23 “(20) FROST OR COLD WEATHER INSUR-
24 ANCE.—

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 an index-based policy to
6 insure crops (including table grapes, wine
7 grapes, juice grapes, tomatoes, peppers, sugar-
8 cane, strawberries, melons, citrus, peaches,
9 blueberries, and any other crop) on a nation-
10 ally-available basis against losses due to a frost
11 or cold weather event.

12 “(B) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.—
13 Research and development under subparagraph
14 (A) shall—

15 “(i) evaluate the effectiveness of risk
16 management tools, such as the use of an
17 index, with respect to low frequency and
18 catastrophic loss weather events; and

19 “(ii) result in a policy that provides
20 protection for at least 1 of the following:

21 “(I) Production loss.

22 “(II) Revenue loss.

23 “(C) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year
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 this para-
7 graph; and

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

10 SEC. 762. No funds shall be made available for en-
11 forcement of section 118.4(e) of title 21, Code of Federal
12 Regulations, or any successor regulation with respect to
13 surplus broiler hatching eggs that are intended to be sold
14 to an egg breaker for purposes of processing such eggs
15 as liquid egg products subject to regulation under the Egg
16 Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1031 et seq.).

17 SEC. 763. The agencies and offices of the Depart-
18 ment of Agriculture may reimburse the Office of the Gen-
19 eral Counsel (OGC), out of the funds provided in this Act,
20 for costs incurred by OGC in providing services to such
21 agencies or offices under time-limited agreements entered
22 into with such agencies and offices: *Provided*, That such
23 transfer authority is in addition to any other transfer au-
24 thority provided by law.

1 SEC. 764. (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sec-
2 tion 7 of title 1, United States Code, section 1738C of
3 title 28, United States Code, or any other provision of law,
4 none of the funds provided by this Act, or previous appro-
5 priations Acts, shall be used in whole or in part to take
6 any discriminatory action against a person, wholly or par-
7 tially, on the basis that such person speaks, or acts, in
8 accordance with a sincerely held religious belief, or moral
9 conviction, that marriage is, or should be recognized as,
10 a union of one man and one woman.

11 (b) DISCRIMINATORY ACTION DEFINED.—As used in
12 subsection (a), a discriminatory action means any action
13 taken by the Federal Government to—

14 (1) alter in any way the Federal tax treatment
15 of, or cause any tax, penalty, or payment to be as-
16 sessed against, or deny, delay, or revoke an exemp-
17 tion from taxation under section 501(a) of the Inter-
18 nal Revenue Code of 1986 of, any person referred to
19 in subsection (a);

20 (2) disallow a deduction for Federal tax pur-
21 poses of any charitable contribution made to or by
22 such person;

23 (3) withhold, reduce the amount or funding for,
24 exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or
25 deny, any Federal grant, contract, subcontract, co-

1 operative agreement, guarantee, loan, scholarship, li-
2 cense, certification, accreditation, employment, or
3 other similar position or status from or to such per-
4 son;

5 (4) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or oth-
6 erwise make unavailable or deny, any entitlement or
7 benefit under a Federal benefit program, including
8 admission to, equal treatment in, or eligibility for a
9 degree from an educational program, from or to
10 such person; or

11 (5) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or oth-
12 erwise make unavailable or deny access or an entitle-
13 ment to Federal property, facilities, educational in-
14 stitutions, speech fora (including traditional, limited,
15 and nonpublic fora), or charitable fundraising cam-
16 paigns from or to such person.

17 (c) ACCREDITATION; LICENSURE; CERTIFICATION.—
18 The 10 Federal Government shall consider accredited, li-
19 censed, or 11 certified for purposes of Federal law any
20 person that 12 would be accredited, licensed, or certified,
21 respectively, for 13 such purposes but for a determination
22 against such person 14 wholly or partially on the basis
23 that the person speaks, 15 or acts, in accordance with a
24 sincerely held religious belief 16 or moral conviction de-
25 scribed in subsection (a).

(RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

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2 SEC. 765. Of the unobligated balances from prior
3 year appropriations made available under the heading
4 “Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Pro-
5 gram” for the cost to continue a broadband loan and grant
6 pilot program established by section 779 of division A of
7 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law
8 115–141) under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as
9 amended (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), \$40,000,000 are hereby
10 rescinded: *Provided*, That no amounts may be rescinded
11 from amounts that were designated by the Congress as
12 an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent reso-
13 lution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-
14 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

15 SEC. 766. (a) Of the amounts made available in this
16 Act under the heading “Department of Health and
17 Human Services—Food and Drug Administration—Sala-
18 ries and Expenses” that are derived from tobacco product
19 user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 387s, not less than
20 \$200,000,000 shall be used by the Commissioner of Food
21 and Drugs for enforcement activities related to e-ciga-
22 rettes, vapes, and other electronic nicotine delivery sys-
23 tems (in this section referred to as “ENDS”), not limited
24 to activities under section 801(a) of the Federal Food,
25 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 381(a)): *Provided*,

1 That not less than \$20,000,000 of such amount shall be
2 used to fund the activities of the Federal multi-agency
3 ENDS Enforcement Task Force led by the Department
4 of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, and the
5 FDA, including partner agency activities, to further work
6 to bring all available criminal and civil tools to bear
7 against the illegal manufacture, importation, distribution,
8 and sale of e-cigarettes, vapes, and other ENDS products
9 from the Republic of China, other foreign countries, and
10 domestic manufacturers conducting the “final assembly”
11 of illegal products: *Provided further*, That the Commis-
12 sioner is directed to enter into a Memorandum of Under-
13 standing with the Department of Justice and the Depart-
14 ment of Homeland Security and other partner agencies to
15 ensure that such task force is adequately resourced for
16 (1) increased criminal and civil litigation and law enforce-
17 ment activities by FDA, the Department of Justice, and
18 the Department of Homeland Security, and (2) additional
19 targeted inspections by FDA and Customs and Border Pa-
20 trol at high-risk ports of entry into the United States.

21 (b) Not later than November 12, 2026, the Commis-
22 sioner of Food and Drugs shall update the FDA document
23 titled “Enforcement Priorities for Electronic Nicotine De-
24 livery Systems (ENDS) and Other Deemed Products on
25 the Market Without Premarket Authorization”, published

1 in January 2020 and updated in April 2020, to expand
2 FDA’s prioritized enforcement to flavored disposable
3 ENDS products in addition to cartridge-based products
4 and to define the term “disposable ENDS product.”

5 (c) The Commissioner of Food and Drugs shall sub-
6 mit a detailed report on funding and activities planned for
7 enforcement activities within 60 days of enactment of this
8 Act, and shall continue to submit a semi-annual written
9 report to the Committees on Appropriations of both
10 Houses of Congress on the progress that the Center for
11 Tobacco Products is making in preventing all mis-declared
12 ENDS products from entering the U.S. (including those
13 that are properly declared and those that are improperly
14 mis-declared at ports of entry) and in removing all illegal
15 ENDS products from the market inside the U.S., includ-
16 ing information specific to refusals, seizures, and disposi-
17 tion of illicit products; state support for enforcement ef-
18 forts, including standardized reporting and communica-
19 tion channels; and educating retailers on which products
20 may be legally marketed in the U.S.

21 SEC. 767. (a) Section 260 of the Agricultural Mar-
22 keting Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1636i) is amended by strik-
23 ing “2026” and inserting “2027”.

1 (b) Section 942 of the Livestock Mandatory Report-
2 ing Act of 1999 (7 U.S.C. 1635 note; Public Law 106-
3 78) is amended by striking “2026” and inserting “2027”.

4 SEC. 768. None of the funds appropriated or other-
5 wise made available by this Act may be used by the Food
6 and Drug Administration to develop, issue, promote, or
7 advance any new guidelines or regulations applicable to
8 food manufacturers for population-wide sodium reduction
9 actions until the publication of the 2025-26 National
10 Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES),
11 What We Eat in America Survey, which will begin to re-
12 flect the impact on population intake of Phase I reduction.

13 SEC. 769. None of the funds made available for any
14 department or agency in this or any other appropriations
15 Acts, including prior year Acts, shall be used to close Nat-
16 ural Resources Conservation Service or Rural Develop-
17 ment mission area field offices or to permanently relocate
18 any field-based employees of those agencies that would re-
19 sult in an office with two or fewer employees without prior
20 notification and approval of the Committees on Appropria-
21 tions of both Houses of Congress.

22 SEC. 770. No funds appropriated by this Act may be
23 used to administer or enforce the final rule on “Require-
24 ments for Additional Traceability Records for Certain
25 Foods” published on November 21, 2022 (87 Fed. Reg.

1 70910), or any other rule promulgated in accordance with
2 section 204 of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act
3 (21 U.S.C. 2223), prior to July 20, 2028. Further, the
4 U.S. Food and Drug Administration shall—

5 (1) continue identifying flexibilities for satis-
6 fying the rule’s lot-level tracking requirement that
7 leverage existing traceability systems, including al-
8 lowing covered entities to maintain and transmit
9 traceability records that reflect a reasonable range of
10 all possible traceability lot codes included in a ship-
11 ment, when maintaining records for each individual
12 traceability lot is not practicable such that com-
13 plying would constitute a case-level tracking require-
14 ment, which is prohibited under section
15 204(d)(1)(L)(iii) of the Food Safety Modernization
16 Act;

17 (2) clarify the circumstances under which ac-
18 tivities conducted in warehouse and distribution en-
19 vironments constitute a transformation event under
20 the rule;

21 (3) ensure each quarterly engagement with in-
22 dustry between enactment and July 20, 2028 be
23 open to all covered entities outside of member-only
24 organizations and include a hypothetical data intake

1 exercise, the results of which should be made pub-
2 licly available within 75 days; and

3 (4) establish a panel of experts to assess the
4 agency's foodborne illness traceback investigation
5 process, for both foreign and domestic food sup-
6 pliers, and to provide feedback for the data intake
7 exercise. This panel shall include diverse stake-
8 holders, such as growers, distributors, retailers, state
9 and local officials, and public health officials. The
10 FDA shall publish the panel outcomes and rec-
11 ommendations no later than one year from the date
12 of enactment of this Act.

13 SEC. 771. In addition to amounts otherwise made
14 available, there is hereby appropriated \$1,000,000, to re-
15 main available until expended, for the Meat and Poultry
16 Processing Expansion Program established pursuant to
17 section 1001(b)(4) of the American Rescue Plan Act of
18 2021 (Public Law 117–2) to award grants to processors
19 of invasive, wild-caught catfish.

20 SEC. 772. (a) Chapter IV of the Federal Food, Drug,
21 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 341 et seq.) is amended by
22 adding at the end the following:

23 **“SEC. 425. ANIMAL FOOD.**

24 **“(a) DEFINITIONS.—**In this section:

1 “(1) The term ‘animal food’ means food for
2 animals other than man and includes pet food, ani-
3 mal feed, and raw materials and ingredients. (ref-
4 erence 21 CFR 507.3).

5 “(2) The term ‘animal food ingredient submis-
6 sion’ means an ingredient for submission to the
7 Food and Drug Administration that is a petition
8 under section 409 for any food additive, a petition
9 under section 721 for a color additive, or a GRAS
10 ingredient notification under subpart E of part 570
11 of subchapter E of chapter I of title 21, Code of
12 Federal Regulations (or successor regulations).

13 “(3) The term ‘commercial feed’ means animal
14 food manufactured and distributed for consumption
15 by animals, other than companion animals.

16 “(4) The term ‘companion animal’ means a do-
17 mesticated canine or feline.

18 “(5) The terms ‘generally recognized as safe’
19 and ‘GRAS’ mean generally recognized as safe under
20 section 201(s).

21 “(6) The term ‘pet food’ means any animal
22 food manufactured and distributed for consumption
23 by companion animals, including treats, nutritional
24 supplements, and pet food ingredients.

1 “(7) The term ‘specialty pet’ means any animal
2 normally maintained in a household, such as, but
3 not limited to, rodents, ornamental birds, orna-
4 mental fish, reptiles, and amphibians, ferrets, hedge-
5 hogs, marsupials, and rabbits not raised for food or
6 fur.

7 “(8) The term ‘specialty pet food’ means any
8 commercial feed prepared and distributed for con-
9 sumption by specialty pets.

10 “(b) PREEMPTION.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—No State or a political sub-
12 division of a State may directly or indirectly estab-
13 lish, maintain, implement, or enforce any law, regu-
14 lation, or other requirement relating to the labels, la-
15 beling, or advertising of animal food that differs
16 from or extends beyond those established by the
17 Food and Drug Administration.

18 “(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in (b)
19 (1) shall be construed to restrict, prevent, or other-
20 wise prohibit State post-market food safety oversight
21 activities, including but not limited to any such ac-
22 tivities relating to implementation of the FDA Food
23 Safety Modernization Act (Public Law 111-353),
24 outbreak investigations, surveillance sampling, the
25 ability of states to regulate the names and defini-

1 tions of commercial feed ingredients (excluding in-
2 ingredients for use in pet food) not defined by the
3 Food and Drug Administration, or investigations of
4 consumer complaints.

5 “(c) SAFE FOOD ADDITIVES AND GRAS IN-
6 GREDIENTS.—

7 “(1) INGREDIENTS DEEMED SAFE FOOD ADDI-
8 TIVES.—Ingredients that are intended for use in ani-
9 mal food and are not specifically authorized for such
10 use by the Food and Drug Administration as a food
11 additive, a color additive, or otherwise as of the date
12 of enactment of the PURR Act of 2026, are deemed
13 to be safe food additives and acceptable for use in
14 animal food if—

15 “(A) such ingredients are included in the
16 Official Common or Usual Names and Defini-
17 tions of Feed Ingredients section of chapter 6
18 of the 2024 edition of the ‘AAFCO Official
19 Publication’ as accepted for use in specified
20 species, or where species is not identified; and

21 “(B) there is no finding by the Food and
22 Drug Administration that such ingredients are
23 not safe food additives.

24 “(2) GRAS INGREDIENTS; VOLUNTARY NOTIFI-
25 CATION.—An animal food manufacturer is not re-

1 quired to notify the Food and Drug Administration
2 of GRAS ingredients used in animal food, but may
3 voluntarily notify the Food and Drug Administration
4 of such GRAS ingredients that have not previously
5 been recognized by the Food and Drug Administra-
6 tion as GRAS for use in animal food.

7 “(d) **TIMELY REVIEW.**—Not later than 180 days
8 after receipt of an animal food ingredient submission, the
9 Secretary shall review such submission and issue an action
10 letter that—

11 “(1) approves such submission or, in the case
12 of a GRAS ingredient notification, does not object to
13 use; or

14 “(2) sets forth—

15 “(A) the specific deficiencies in such sub-
16 mission; and

17 “(B) where appropriate, the actions nec-
18 essary—

19 “(i) for such submission to be ap-
20 proved; or

21 “(ii) in the case of a GRAS ingredient
22 notification, to resolve any concerns of the
23 Secretary.

24 “(e) **PET FOOD AND SPECIALTY PET INGRE-**
25 **DIENTS SOMETIMES PRESENT.**—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Pet food and specialty pet
2 food shall not be treated as misbranded by reason of
3 stating in the ingredient list on the product label
4 that an ingredient of a type described in paragraph
5 (2) is sometimes, but not always, present in the pet
6 food or specialty pet food.

7 “(2) TYPES OF INGREDIENTS.—Paragraph (1)
8 applies with respect to the following types of ingredi-
9 ents:

10 “(A) Fat or oil ingredients.

11 “(B) Flavor ingredients.

12 “(C) Grain ingredients (including grain
13 protein ingredients).

14 “(3) LANGUAGE TO BE USED.—For an ingre-
15 dient in pet food or specialty pet food to be labeled
16 as sometimes present for purposes of paragraph (1),
17 such ingredient shall be identified by—

18 “(A) words such as ‘or’, ‘and/or’, or ‘con-
19 tains one or more of the following:’; or

20 “(B) other words indicating that the ingre-
21 dient may not be present.

22 “(f) ORDER OF INGREDIENT LISTING.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Pet food and specialty pet
24 food shall be treated as misbranded unless the ingre-
25 dients required to be declared on the label are listed

1 by common or usual name in descending order of
2 predominance by weight.

3 “(2) EXCEPTION.—If an ingredient in pet food
4 or specialty pet food is present in amounts of 2 per-
5 cent or less by weight, then instead of identifying
6 the ingredient in the order required by paragraph
7 (1), the ingredient may be placed at the end of the
8 ingredient list following an appropriate quantifying
9 statement, such as ‘Contains ___ percent or less of
10 ___’ or ‘Less than ___ percent of ___’, with the blank
11 percentage filled in with a threshold level of 2 per-
12 cent, or, if desired, 1.5 percent, 1.0 percent, or 0.5
13 percent, as applicable.

14 “(g) MARKETING CLAIMS.—Animal food shall
15 not be treated as misbranded by reason of the following
16 claims on labels and labeling and in advertising for animal
17 food, without premarket approval of such claims by the
18 Food and Drug Administration, if truthful, nonmis-
19 leading, and adequately substantiated with scientifically
20 validated protocols endorsed by FDA guidance where
21 available:

22 “(1) Pet food claims regarding hairball control.

23 “(2) Pet food claims regarding tartar control,
24 plaque removal, and bad breath odor.

1 “(3) Claims regarding the ability of pet food to
2 support general urinary tract health.

3 “(4) ‘Natural’ claims for animal food if all of
4 the following circumstances are met:

5 “(A) Subject to subparagraph (C), the
6 term ‘natural’ refers to a food or ingredient de-
7 rived solely from plant, animal, or mined
8 sources—

9 “(i) in its unprocessed state; or

10 “(ii) having been subject to physical
11 processing, heat processing, rendering, pu-
12 rification, extraction, hydrolysis,
13 enzymolysis, or fermentation, but not hav-
14 ing been produced by or subject to a
15 chemically synthetic process and not con-
16 taining any additives or processing aids
17 that are chemically synthetic except in
18 amounts as might occur unavoidably in
19 good manufacturing practices.

20 “(B) The term ‘natural’ is only used to
21 reference the product as a whole when all of the
22 ingredients and components of ingredients meet
23 the description in subparagraph (A).

24 “(C) If the food or ingredient contains
25 chemically synthesized vitamins, minerals, or

1 other trace nutrients used as ingredients in ani-
2 mal food, a disclaimer—

3 “(i) discloses the addition of such vi-
4 tamins, minerals, and other trace nutrients
5 by name or category;

6 “(ii) is juxtaposed with the term ‘nat-
7 ural’; and

8 “(iii) appears with the largest or most
9 prominent use of the term ‘natural’ on
10 each panel of the label on which the term
11 appears, in the same style and color print
12 and at least one-half the size of the term
13 natural.

14 “(D) A disclaimer under subparagraph (C)
15 is not required when the term ‘natural’ is used
16 in reference to one ingredient and is not refer-
17 ring to the whole product.

18 “(h) GUIDANCE ON CERTAIN TOPICS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall issue
20 guidance addressing each of the following topics:

21 “(A) Methods for substantiating nutri-
22 tional adequacy of pet foods.

23 “(B) Pet food metabolizable energy proto-
24 cols.

1 “(C) Affidavits for pet food testing pro-
2 tocol completion.

3 “(D) Data to support a calorie content
4 claim for pet foods.

5 “(E) Analytical variations (AVs) for ani-
6 mal food.

7 “(F) Recommendations for use of mena-
8 dione sodium bisulfite complex (MSBC) in ani-
9 mal feed.

10 “(2) INITIAL GUIDANCE.—

11 “(A) TIMING.—Not later than 18 months
12 after the date of enactment of the PURR Act
13 of 2026, the Secretary shall issue initial guid-
14 ance under this subsection.

15 “(B) BASIS.—The initial guidance under
16 subparagraph (A) shall be based on the guid-
17 ance contained in the 2024 edition of ‘AAFCO
18 Official Publication’.”.

19 (b) Title X of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
20 Act (21 U.S.C. 391 et seq.) is amended by adding at the
21 end the following:

22 **“SEC. 1016. RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ANIMAL FOOD REGULA-**
23 **TION.**

24 “(a) DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY.—The
25 Secretary shall delegate to the Director of the Center for

1 Veterinary Medicine responsibility for carrying out section
2 425 and, as appropriate, other responsibilities and au-
3 thorities of the Food and Drug Administration with re-
4 spect to animal food.

5 “(b) DUTIES.—The responsibilities of the Director
6 of the Center for Veterinary Medicine shall include—

7 “(1) conducting and coordinating science-based
8 reviews of animal food ingredient submissions;

9 “(2) submitting an annual report to the Con-
10 gress on performance metrics, including performance
11 on—

12 “(A) the review of submissions and
13 issuance of action letters under section 425(d);

14 “(B) the issuance of initial guidance under
15 section 425(h) and any subsequent revisions to
16 such guidance; and

17 “(C) the proposal and finalization of initial
18 regulations under subsection (c) and (d) of the
19 PURR Act of 2026 and any subsequent revi-
20 sions to such regulations;

21 “(3) educating pet owners, veterinarians, and
22 the companion animal industry about pet food;

23 “(4) communicating and educating consumers
24 on the safety of pet food; and

1 “(5) carrying out research to support and im-
2 prove policies and regulatory decisions regarding
3 animal food.

4 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms
5 ‘animal food’, ‘companion animal’, ‘pet food’, ‘specialty
6 pet’ and ‘animal food ingredient submission’, have the
7 meanings given to those terms in section 425.”.

8 (c) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
9 Human Services, acting through the Commissioner of
10 Food and Drugs, shall—

11 (1) not later than two years after the date of
12 enactment of this Act, issue proposed regulations to
13 implement the amendments made by this Act; and

14 (2) not later than three years after the date of
15 enactment of this Act, finalize such regulations.

16 (d) CONTENTS.—The initial regulations promulgated
17 to implement the amendments made by this Act shall in-
18 clude:

19 (1) for commercial feed, Regulation 1 through
20 Regulation 10 of the “Model Regulations Under the
21 Model Bill” in chapter 4 of the 2024 edition of the
22 “AAFCO Official Publication”; and

23 (2) PF 1 through PF 12 of the “Model Regula-
24 tions for Pet Food and Specialty Pet Food Under

1 the Model Bill” in chapter 4 of the 2024 edition of
2 the “AAFCO Official Publication”.

3 SEC. 773. There is appropriated \$1,500,000 for the
4 emergency and transitional pet shelter and housing assist-
5 ance grant program established under section 12502(b) of
6 the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (34 U.S.C.
7 20127).

8 SEC. 774. (a) IN GENERAL.—

9 (1) LIABILITY OF PERSONS.—A person shall
10 not be subject to civil or criminal liability arising
11 from the nature, age, packaging, or condition of an
12 apparently fit pet-related product that the person
13 donates in good faith to a State or unit of local gov-
14 ernment or a nonprofit organization for ultimate dis-
15 tribution to qualified animals.

16 (2) LIABILITY OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZA-
17 TIONS.—A nonprofit organization shall not be sub-
18 ject to civil or criminal liability arising from the na-
19 ture, age, packaging, or condition of an apparently
20 fit pet-related product that the nonprofit organiza-
21 tion received as a donation from a person in good
22 faith for ultimate distribution to qualified animals.

23 (3) LIABILITY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERN-
24 MENTS.—A State or unit of local government shall
25 not be subject to liability arising from the nature,

1 age, packaging, or condition of an apparently fit pet-
2 related product that the State or unit of local gov-
3 ernment received as a donation from a person in
4 good faith for ultimate distribution to qualified ani-
5 mals.

6 (4) WAIVER NOT APPLICABLE TO GROSS NEG-
7 LIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT.—Para-
8 graphs (1), (2), and (3) shall not apply to an injury
9 to, or death of, an ultimate user or recipient of the
10 apparently fit pet-related product that results from
11 an act or omission of the person, nonprofit organiza-
12 tion, or State or unit of local government, as appli-
13 cable, constituting gross negligence or intentional
14 misconduct.

15 (b) PARTIAL COMPLIANCE.—If a person donates in
16 good faith pet food or pet supplies that do not meet all
17 quality and labeling standards imposed by Federal, State,
18 and local laws and regulations, such person shall not be
19 subject to civil or criminal liability in accordance with this
20 section if the State or unit of local government or non-
21 profit organization to which the food or supplies are do-
22 nated—

23 (1) is informed by such person of the distressed
24 or defective condition of the food or supplies;

1 (2) agrees to recondition such food or supplies
2 to comply with such quality and labeling standards
3 prior to distribution of such food or supplies; and

4 (3) is knowledgeable of such quality and label-
5 ing standards to properly recondition such food or
6 supplies.

7 (c) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be
8 construed to—

9 (1) create any liability; or

10 (2) supersede State or local health regulations.

11 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) APPARENTLY FIT PET-RELATED PROD-
13 UCT.—The term “apparently fit pet-related product”
14 means any pet food or pet supply that meets all
15 quality and labeling standards imposed by Federal,
16 State, and local laws and regulations even though
17 the product may not be readily marketable due to
18 appearance, age, freshness, grade, size, surplus, or
19 other conditions.

20 (2) CHILD NUTRITION ACT OF 1966 TERMS.—
21 The terms “donate”, “gross negligence”, “inten-
22 tional misconduct”, “nonprofit organization”, and
23 “person” have the meanings given such terms in sec-
24 tion 22(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42
25 U.S.C. 1791(b)).

1 (3) EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMAL.—The term
2 “emotional support animal” means an animal that—

3 (A) is covered by the exclusion specified in
4 section 5.303 of title 24, Code of Federal Regu-
5 lations (or successor regulation); and

6 (B) is not a service animal.

7 (4) PET.—The term “pet” means a domes-
8 ticated animal, such as a dog, cat, bird, rodent, fish,
9 turtle, or other animal that is kept for pleasure rath-
10 er than for commercial purposes.

11 (5) PET FOOD.—The term “pet food” means
12 any raw, cooked, processed, or prepared edible sub-
13 stance, ice, beverage, or ingredient used or intended
14 for use in whole or in part for consumption by a
15 qualified animal.

16 (6) PET SUPPLY.—The term “pet supply”
17 means tangible personal property used for qualified
18 animals, including pet carriers, crates, kennels,
19 houses, cages, clothing, bedding, toys, collars,
20 leashes, leads, tie-outs, feeders, bowls, dishes, pet
21 gates, or pet doors.

22 (7) QUALIFIED ANIMAL.—The term “qualified
23 animal” means a pet, an emotional support animal,
24 or a service animal.

1 (8) SERVICE ANIMAL.—The term “service ani-
2 mal” has the meaning given the term in section
3 36.104 of title 28, Code of Federal Regulations (or
4 successor regulation).

5 SEC. 775. None of the funds made available by this
6 Act may be used to impose any cost sharing or matching
7 requirements for any awards or subawards under the Spe-
8 cialty Crop Block Grant Program (7 U.S.C. 1621 note)
9 for fiscal year 2027.

10 SEC. 776. None of the funds made available to the
11 Department of Agriculture in this or any other Act may
12 be used to close or consolidate the resources or locations
13 of any existing Agricultural Research Service laboratories
14 and facilities without prior notification, including cost
15 analysis, how many research scientists will likely not be
16 willing to relocate, and which research projects will be ter-
17 minated or adversely impacted by the relocation, and ap-
18 proval of the Committees on Appropriations of both
19 Houses of Congress.

20 SEC. 777. In addition to funds made available by this
21 or any other Act, there is hereby appropriated \$2,500,000
22 for the Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program as au-
23 thorized by 7 U.S.C. 3007(a).

24 SEC. 778. Section 3(1) of the Specialty Crops Com-
25 petitiveness Act of 2004 (7 U.S.C. 1621 note) is amended

1 by striking “dried fruits,” and inserting “dried fruits, mil-
2 let,”.

3 SEC. 779. Public Law 87–590 (76 Stat. 389; 123
4 Stat. 1320) is amended—

5 (1) in the first section—

6 (A) in subsection (c), in the second sen-
7 tence, by striking “or in the case of the Arkan-
8 sas Valley Conduit, payment in an amount
9 equal to 35 percent of the cost of the conduit
10 that is comprised of revenue generated by pay-
11 ments pursuant to a repayment contract and
12 revenue that may be derived from contracts for
13 the use of Fryingpan-Arkansas project excess
14 capacity or exchange contracts using
15 Fryingpan-Arkansas project facilities,”; and

16 (B) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(d) ARKANSAS VALLEY CONDUIT.—

18 “(1) REPAYMENT CONTRACT.—To provide do-
19 mestic water supplies to communities and house-
20 holds that do not have reliable access to domestic
21 water supplies, the contract for the Arkansas Valley
22 Conduit shall provide for payment in an amount
23 equal to 35 percent of the cost of the conduit, not-
24 withstanding the reclamation laws or any other pro-

1 vision of this Act. The contract payments shall con-
2 sist of—

3 “(A) funding provided during construction
4 from any entity other than the Secretary; and

5 “(B) based on a demonstration of financial
6 hardship, as determined by the Secretary, re-
7 payment of the balance not covered under sub-
8 paragraph (A) for a period of not more than 75
9 years with simple interest at a rate that is
10 equal to 50 percent of the interest rate deter-
11 mined by the Secretary of the Treasury under
12 section 2(c), including revenue derived from
13 contracts for the use of excess capacity or ex-
14 change contracts using Fryingpan-Arkansas
15 project facilities.

16 “(2) OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE.—The
17 contract for the Arkansas Valley Conduit shall pro-
18 vide for the assumption by the contracting parties of
19 the care, operation, maintenance, and replacement of
20 the conduit.”; and

21 (2) in section 2(b)(3)(A), by striking “this sec-
22 tion” and inserting “subsection (d) of the first sec-
23 tion”.

24 SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT

25 SEC. 780. \$0.

1 SEC. 781. None of the funds made available by this
2 Act may be used by the Center for Drug Evaluation and
3 Research, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research,
4 or Center for Devices and Radiological Health within the
5 Food and Drug Administration to issue or finalize guid-
6 ance recommending or requiring testing in dogs.

7 SEC. 782. None of the funds made available by this
8 Act may be used by the National Institute of Food and
9 Agriculture within the Department of Agriculture to con-
10 duct or fund research involving a dog or cat (as such
11 terms are defined in section 1.1 of title 9, Code of Federal
12 Regulations) that is classified in pain category D or E,
13 as defined by the Department of Agriculture.

14 SEC. 783. None of the funds made available by this
15 Act may be used in contravention of section 506C(g) of
16 the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.
17 356c(g)) with respect to the review of an application or
18 supplement, or the inspection or reinspection of an estab-
19 lishment, that could help mitigate or prevent a shortage
20 of a sterile injectable drug used in cancer treatment and
21 listed as being in shortage by the Food and Drug Adminis-
22 tration.

1 This Act may be cited as the “Agriculture, Rural De-
2 velopment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related
3 Agency Appropriations Act, 2027”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 4, 2026.

Attest:

Clerk.

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AN ACT

Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, and for other purposes.