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Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 10, 2025

Mr. HOEVEN, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following original bill; which was read twice and placed on the calendar

A BILL

Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, 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,*
3 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for Ag-
5 riculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administra-

tion, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I

AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

PROCESSING, RESEARCH, AND MARKETING

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary, \$51,792,000 of which not to exceed \$7,000,000 shall be available for the immediate Office of the Secretary, of which \$650,000 shall be for the establishment of a Seafood Industry Liaison; not to exceed \$1,896,000 shall be available for the Office of Homeland Security; not to exceed \$5,190,000 shall be available for the Office of Tribal Relations, of which \$1,000,000 shall be to continue a Tribal Public Health Resource Center at a land grant university with existing indigenous public health expertise to expand current partnerships and collaborative efforts with indigenous groups to improve the delivery of public health services and functions in American Indian communities focusing on indigenous food sovereignty; not to exceed \$6,000,000 shall be available for the Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement, of which \$1,500,000 shall be for 7 U.S.C. 2279(c)(5); not to exceed \$21,706,000 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary

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

1 for official reception and representation expenses, not oth-
2 erwise provided for, as determined by the Secretary: *Pro-*
3 *vided further*, That the amount made available under this
4 heading for Departmental Administration shall be reim-
5 bursed from applicable appropriations in this Act for trav-
6 el expenses incident to the holding of hearings as required
7 by 5 U.S.C. 551–558: *Provided further*, That funds made
8 available under this heading for the Office of the Assistant
9 Secretary for Congressional Relations and Intergovern-
10 mental Affairs shall be transferred to agencies of the De-
11 partment of Agriculture funded by this Act to maintain
12 personnel at the agency level: *Provided further*, That no
13 funds made available under this heading for the Office of
14 Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations may be
15 obligated after 30 days from the date of enactment of this
16 Act, unless the Secretary has notified the Committees on
17 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the alloca-
18 tion of these funds by USDA agency: *Provided further*,
19 That during any 30 day notification period referenced in
20 section 716 of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall
21 take no action to begin implementation of the action that
22 is subject to section 716 of this Act or make any public
23 announcement of such action in any form.

1 EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

2 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ECONOMIST

3 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief
4 Economist, \$30,500,000, of which \$10,000,000 shall be
5 for grants or cooperative agreements for policy research
6 under 7 U.S.C. 3155: *Provided*, That of the amounts made
7 available under this heading, \$2,450,000 shall be for an
8 interdisciplinary center based at a land grant university
9 focused on agricultural policy relevant to the Midwest re-
10 gion which will provide private entities, policymakers, and
11 the public with timely insights and targeted economic solu-
12 tions: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made avail-
13 able under this heading, \$500,000 shall be available to
14 carry out section 224 of subtitle A of the Department of
15 Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6924),
16 as amended by section 12504 of Public Law 115–334.

17 OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

18 For necessary expenses of the Office of Hearings and
19 Appeals, \$16,000,000.

20 OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

21 For necessary expenses of the Office of Budget and
22 Program Analysis, \$14,967,000.

23 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

24 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief In-
25 formation Officer, \$91,000,000, of which not less than

1 \$77,428,000 is for cybersecurity requirements of the de-
 2 partment.

3 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

4 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Fi-
 5 nancial Officer, \$6,867,000.

6 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CIVIL

7 RIGHTS

8 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Assistant
 9 Secretary for Civil Rights, \$1,466,000: *Provided*, That
 10 funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Civil
 11 Rights mission area for salaries and expenses are available
 12 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-
 13 fice.

14 OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

15 For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights,
 16 \$37,000,000.

17 AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

18 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

19 For payment of space rental and related costs pursu-
 20 ant to Public Law 92–313, including authorities pursuant
 21 to the 1984 delegation of authority from the Adminis-
 22 trator of General Services to the Department of Agri-
 23 culture under 40 U.S.C. 121, for programs and activities
 24 of the Department which are included in this Act, and for
 25 alterations and other actions needed for the Department

1 and its agencies to consolidate unneeded space into con-
 2 figurations suitable for release to the Administrator of
 3 General Services, and for the operation, maintenance, im-
 4 provement, and repair of Agriculture buildings and facili-
 5 ties, and for related costs, \$22,603,000, to remain avail-
 6 able until expended.

7 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

9 For necessary expenses of the Department of Agri-
 10 culture, to comply with the Comprehensive Environmental
 11 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.
 12 9601 et seq.) and the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C.
 13 6901 et seq.), \$3,000,000, to remain available until ex-
 14 pended: *Provided*, That appropriations and funds available
 15 herein to the Department for Hazardous Materials Man-
 16 agement may be transferred to any agency of the Depart-
 17 ment for its use in meeting all requirements pursuant to
 18 the above Acts on Federal and non-Federal lands.

19 OFFICE OF SAFETY, SECURITY, AND PROTECTION

20 For necessary expenses of the Office of Safety, Secu-
 21 rity, and Protection, \$20,800,000.

22 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

23 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
 24 General, including employment pursuant to the Inspector
 25 General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-452; 5 U.S.C. App.),

1 \$111,561,000, including such sums as may be necessary
 2 for contracting and other arrangements with public agen-
 3 cies and private persons pursuant to section 6(a)(9) of the
 4 Inspector General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–452; 5
 5 U.S.C. App.), and including not to exceed \$125,000 for
 6 certain confidential operational expenses, including the
 7 payment of informants, to be expended under the direction
 8 of the Inspector General pursuant to the Inspector Gen-
 9 eral Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–452; 5 U.S.C. App.) and
 10 section 1337 of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981
 11 (Public Law 97–98).

12 OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

13 For necessary expenses of the Office of the General
 14 Counsel, \$60,537,000.

15 OFFICE OF ETHICS

16 For necessary expenses of the Office of Ethics,
 17 \$4,500,000.

18 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH,

19 EDUCATION, AND ECONOMICS

20 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
 21 Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics,
 22 \$1,884,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
 23 Act to an agency in the Research, Education, and Eco-
 24 nomics mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-
 25 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for

1 the Office: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made
 2 available under this heading, \$500,000 shall be made
 3 available for the Office of the Chief Scientist.

4 ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE

5 For necessary expenses of the Economic Research
 6 Service, \$90,612,000.

7 NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

8 For necessary expenses of the National Agricultural
 9 Statistics Service, \$187,513,000, of which up to
 10 \$46,000,000 shall be available until expended for the Cen-
 11 sus of Agriculture: *Provided*, That amounts made available
 12 for the Census of Agriculture may be used to conduct Cur-
 13 rent Industrial Report surveys subject to 7 U.S.C.
 14 2204g(d) and (f): *Provided further*, That the Secretary
 15 shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of both
 16 Houses of Congress in writing at least 30 days prior to
 17 discontinuing data collection programs and reports.

18 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

19 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

20 For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Research
 21 Service and for acquisition of lands by donation, exchange,
 22 or purchase at a nominal cost not to exceed \$100,000 and
 23 with prior notification and approval of the Committees on
 24 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, and for land
 25 exchanges where the lands exchanged shall be of equal

1 value or shall be equalized by a payment of money to the
2 grantor which shall not exceed 25 percent of the total
3 value of the land or interests transferred out of Federal
4 ownership, \$1,826,778,000: *Provided*, That appropriations
5 hereunder shall be available for the operation and maintenance of aircraft and the purchase of not to exceed one
6 for replacement only: *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder shall be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C.
8 2250 for the construction, alteration, and repair of buildings and improvements, but unless otherwise provided, the
9 cost of constructing any one building shall not exceed
10 \$500,000, except for headhouses or greenhouses which
11 shall each be limited to \$1,800,000, except for 10 buildings to be constructed or improved at a cost not to exceed
12 \$1,100,000 each, and except for four buildings to be constructed at a cost not to exceed \$5,000,000 each, and the
13 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year
14 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement
15 value of the building or \$500,000, whichever is greater:
16 *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder shall be
17 available for entering into lease agreements at any Agricultural Research Service location for the construction of
18 a research facility by a non-Federal entity for use by the
19 Agricultural Research Service and a condition of the lease
20 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 no later than 60 days from

1 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall pro-
 2 vide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both
 3 House of Congress that outlines the current staffing levels
 4 and hiring plans in fiscal year 2026 for each research unit.

5 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

6 For the acquisition of land, construction, repair, im-
 7 provement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed
 8 equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agri-
 9 cultural research programs of the Department of Agri-
 10 culture, where not otherwise provided, \$42,650,000, to re-
 11 main available until expended, which shall be for the pur-
 12 poses, and in the amounts, specified for this account in
 13 the table titled “Congressionally Directed Spending” in
 14 the report accompanying this Act.

15 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

16 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

17 For payments to agricultural experiment stations, for
 18 cooperative forestry and other research, for facilities, and
 19 for other expenses, \$1,089,510,000, which shall be for the
 20 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 \$559,760,000 shall remain available until expended and
 25 of which \$2,000,000 shall remain available until Sep-

1 tember 30, 2027: *Provided*, That of the amounts provided
2 under this heading, \$13,560,000 shall be for the purposes,
3 and in the amounts, specified for this account in the table
4 titled “Congressionally Directed Spending” in the report
5 accompanying this Act, to remain available until ex-
6 pended, which shall not be subject to section 6(c) and sec-
7 tion 6(d) of the Research Facilities Act (7 U.S.C. 390d):
8 *Provided further*, That each institution eligible to receive
9 funds under the Evans-Allen program receives no less
10 than \$1,000,000: *Provided further*, That funds for edu-
11 cation grants for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-
12 serving institutions be made available to individual eligible
13 institutions or consortia of eligible institutions with funds
14 awarded equally to each of the States of Alaska and Ha-
15 waii: *Provided further*, That funds for education grants for
16 1890 institutions shall be made available to institutions
17 eligible to receive funds under 7 U.S.C. 3221 and 3222:
18 *Provided further*, That not more than 5 percent of the
19 amounts made available by this or any other Act to carry
20 out the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative under
21 7 U.S.C. 3157 may be retained by the Secretary of Agri-
22 culture to pay administrative costs incurred by the Sec-
23 retary in carrying out that authority.

1 NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND

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

5 EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

6 For payments to States, the District of Columbia,
7 Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, the
8 Northern Marianas, and American Samoa, \$561,700,000
9 which shall be for the purposes, in the amounts, and for
10 the periods of availability specified in the table titled “Na-
11 tional Institute of Food and Agriculture, Extension Activi-
12 ties” in the report accompanying this Act, of which
13 \$32,500,000 shall remain available until expended: *Pro-*
14 *vided*, That institutions eligible to receive funds under 7
15 U.S.C. 3221 for cooperative extension receive no less than
16 \$1,000,000: *Provided further*, That funds for cooperative
17 extension under sections 3(b) and (c) of the Smith-Lever
18 Act (7 U.S.C. 343(b) and (c)) and section 208(c) of Public
19 Law 93–471 shall be available for retirement and employ-
20 ees’ compensation costs for extension agents.

21 INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES

22 For the integrated research, education, and extension
23 grants programs, including necessary administrative ex-
24 penses, \$41,100,000, which shall be for the purposes, in
25 the amounts, and for the periods of availability specified

1 in the table titled “National Institute of Food and Agri-
 2 culture, Integrated Activities” in the report accompanying
 3 this Act, of which \$8,000,000 shall remain available until
 4 expended: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other pro-
 5 vision of law, indirect costs shall not be charged against
 6 any Extension Implementation Program Area grant
 7 awarded under the Crop Protection/Pest Management
 8 Program (7 U.S.C. 7626).

9 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR MARKETING
 10 AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

11 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
 12 Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs,
 13 \$1,617,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
 14 Act to an agency in the Marketing and Regulatory Pro-
 15 grams mission area for salaries and expenses are available
 16 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-
 17 fice.

18 ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
 19 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
 20 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

21 For necessary expenses of the Animal and Plant
 22 Health Inspection Service, including up to \$30,000 for
 23 representation allowances and for expenses pursuant to
 24 the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4085),
 25 \$1,167,534,000 which shall be for the purposes, in the

1 amounts, and for the periods of availability specified in
2 the table titled “Animal and Plant Health Inspection Serv-
3 ice” in the report accompanying this Act, of which
4 \$601,551,000 shall remain available until expended, of
5 which \$11,384,000 shall be for the purposes, and in the
6 amounts, specified for this account in the table titled
7 “Congressionally Directed Spending” in the report accom-
8 panying this Act, to remain available until expended, and
9 of which \$8,500,000 shall remain available until Sep-
10 tember 30, 2027: *Provided*, That no funds shall be used
11 to formulate or administer a brucellosis eradication pro-
12 gram for the current fiscal year that does not require min-
13 imum matching by the States of at least 40 percent: *Pro-*
14 *vided further*, That this appropriation shall be available
15 for the purchase, replacement, operation, and maintenance
16 of aircraft: *Provided further*, That in addition, in emer-
17 gencies which threaten any segment of the agricultural
18 production industry of the United States, the Secretary
19 may transfer from other appropriations or funds available
20 to the agencies or corporations of the Department such
21 sums as may be deemed necessary, to be available only
22 in such emergencies for the arrest and eradication of con-
23 tagious or infectious disease or pests of animals, poultry,
24 or plants, and for expenses in accordance with sections
25 10411 and 10417 of the Animal Health Protection Act

1 (7 U.S.C. 8310 and 8316) and sections 431 and 442 of
2 the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7751 and 7772), and
3 any unexpended balances of funds transferred for such
4 emergency purposes in the preceding fiscal year shall be
5 merged with such transferred amounts: *Provided further*,
6 That the Secretary must notify the Committees on Appro-
7 priations about any transfer of funds in the preceding pro-
8 viso within 15 days after such transfer being made: *Pro-*
9 *vided further*, That appropriations hereunder shall be
10 available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the repair
11 and alteration of leased buildings and improvements, but
12 unless otherwise provided the cost of altering any one
13 building during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent
14 of the current replacement value of the building.

15 In fiscal year 2026, the agency is authorized to collect
16 fees to cover the total costs of providing technical assist-
17 ance, goods, or services requested by States, other political
18 subdivisions, domestic and international organizations,
19 foreign governments, or individuals, provided that such
20 fees are structured such that any entity's liability for such
21 fees is reasonably based on the technical assistance, goods,
22 or services provided to the entity by the agency, and such
23 fees shall be reimbursed to this account, to remain avail-
24 able until expended, without further appropriation, for
25 providing such assistance, goods, or services.

1 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

2 For plans, construction, repair, preventive maintenance,
3 nance, environmental support, improvement, extension, alteration,
4 and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities, as
5 authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2250, and acquisition of land as
6 authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2268a, \$1,000,000, to remain
7 available until expended.

8 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

9 MARKETING SERVICES

10 For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Marketing
11 Service, \$222,887,000, which shall be for the purposes
12 and in the amounts specified in the table titled “Agricultural
13 Marketing Service—Marketing Services” in the report
14 accompanying this Act: *Provided*, That amounts
15 made available for Dairy Business Innovation Initiatives
16 to carry out section 12513 of Public Law 115–334 (7
17 U.S.C. 1632d) shall remain available until expended and
18 the Secretary shall take measures to ensure an equal distribution
19 of funds between the three regional innovation
20 initiatives that were first established using funds made
21 available under this heading in Public Law 116–6: *Provided further*,
22 That this appropriation shall be available
23 pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alteration and
24 repair of buildings and improvements, but the cost of altering
25 any one building during the fiscal year shall not

1 exceed 10 percent of the current replacement value of the
2 building.

3 Fees may be collected for the cost of standardization
4 activities, as established by regulation pursuant to law (31
5 U.S.C. 9701), except for the cost of activities relating to
6 the development or maintenance of grain standards under
7 the United States Grain Standards Act, 7 U.S.C. 71 et
8 seq.

9 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

10 Not to exceed \$62,596,000 (from fees collected) shall
11 be obligated during the current fiscal year for administra-
12 tive expenses: *Provided*, That if crop size is understated
13 and/or other uncontrollable events occur, the agency may
14 exceed this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification
15 to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of
16 Congress.

17 FUNDS FOR STRENGTHENING MARKETS, INCOME, AND

18 SUPPLY (SECTION 32)

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

20 Funds available under section 32 of the Act of Au-
21 gust 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), shall be used only for com-
22 modity program expenses as authorized therein, and other
23 related operating expenses, except for: (1) transfers to the
24 Department of Commerce as authorized by the Fish and
25 Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a et seq.); (2) trans-

1 fers otherwise provided in this Act; and (3) not more than
 2 \$23,880,000 for formulation and administration of mar-
 3 keting agreements and orders pursuant to the Agricultural
 4 Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 and the Agricultural
 5 Act of 1961 (Public Law 87–128).

6 PAYMENTS TO STATES AND POSSESSIONS

7 For payments to departments of agriculture, bureaus
 8 and departments of markets, and similar agencies for
 9 marketing activities under section 204(b) of the Agricul-
 10 tural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1623(b)),
 11 \$1,000,000.

12 LIMITATION ON INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES

13 EXPENSES

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

21 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD SAFETY

22 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
 23 Secretary for Food Safety, \$1,117,000: *Provided*, That
 24 funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Food
 25 Safety mission area for salaries and expenses are available

1 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-
 2 fice.

3 FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

4 For necessary expenses to carry out services author-
 5 ized by the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry
 6 Products Inspection Act, and the Egg Products Inspection
 7 Act, including not to exceed \$10,000 for representation
 8 allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of the
 9 Act approved August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766),
 10 \$1,226,000,000; and in addition, \$1,000,000 may be cred-
 11 ited to this account from fees collected for the cost of lab-
 12 oratory accreditation as authorized by section 1327 of the
 13 Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990
 14 (7 U.S.C. 138f): *Provided*, That funds provided for the
 15 Public Health Data Communication Infrastructure system
 16 shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*,
 17 That no fewer than 148 full-time equivalent positions shall
 18 be employed during fiscal year 2026 for purposes dedi-
 19 cated solely to inspections and enforcement related to the
 20 Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (7 U.S.C. 1901 et
 21 seq.): *Provided further*, That the Food Safety and Inspec-
 22 tion Service shall continue implementation of section
 23 11016 of Public Law 110–246 as further clarified by the
 24 amendments made in section 12106 of Public Law 113–
 25 79: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be

1 available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alter-
2 ation and repair of buildings and improvements, but the
3 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year
4 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement
5 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 \$1,527,000: *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, \$238,500,000, of which
19 \$1,000,000 shall be for the implementation of section 773
20 of Public Law 117–328: *Provided*, That \$70,740,000 of
21 amounts appropriated for the current fiscal year pursuant
22 to section 1241(a) of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
23 ment Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841(a)) shall be transferred
24 to and 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 \$1,209,307,000, of which not less than \$15,000,000 shall
6 be for the hiring of new employees to fill vacancies and
7 anticipated vacancies at Farm Service Agency county of-
8 fices and farm loan officers and shall be available until
9 September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That the agency shall sub-
10 mit a report by the end of the fourth quarter of fiscal
11 year 2026 to the Committees on Appropriations of both
12 Houses of Congress that identifies for each project/invest-
13 ment that is operational (a) current performance against
14 key indicators of customer satisfaction, (b) current per-
15 formance of service level agreements or other technical
16 metrics, (c) current performance against a pre-established
17 cost baseline, (d) a detailed breakdown of current and
18 planned spending on operational enhancements or up-
19 grades, and (e) an assessment of whether the investment
20 continues to meet business needs as intended as well as
21 alternatives to the investment: *Provided further*, That the
22 Secretary is authorized to use the services, facilities, and
23 authorities (but not the funds) of the Commodity Credit
24 Corporation to make program payments for all programs
25 administered by the Agency: *Provided further*, That other

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

21 STATE MEDIATION GRANTS

22 For grants pursuant to section 502(b) of the Agricul-
 23 tural Credit Act of 1987, as amended (7 U.S.C. 5101–
 24 5106), \$6,500,000: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Agri-
 25 culture may determine that United States territories and

1 Federally recognized Indian tribes are “States” for the
 2 purposes of Subtitle A of such Act.

3 GRASSROOTS SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

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

8 DAIRY INDEMNITY PROGRAM

9 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

20 GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS AND

21 RANCHERS

22 For necessary expenses to carry out direct reimburse-
 23 ment payments to geographically disadvantaged farmers
 24 and ranchers under section 1621 of the Food Conserva-

tion, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 8792),
\$3,500,000, to remain available until expended.

AGRICULTURAL CREDIT INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM

ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For gross obligations for the principal amount of direct and guaranteed farm ownership (7 U.S.C. 1922 et seq.) and operating (7 U.S.C. 1941 et seq.) loans, emergency loans (7 U.S.C. 1961 et seq.), Indian tribe land acquisition loans (25 U.S.C. 5136), boll weevil loans (7 U.S.C. 1989), guaranteed conservation loans (7 U.S.C. 1924 et seq.), and relending program (7 U.S.C. 1936e), to be available from funds in the Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund, as follows: \$3,500,000,000 for guaranteed farm ownership loans and \$3,100,000,000 for farm ownership direct loans; \$2,000,000,000 for unsubsidized guaranteed operating loans and \$1,633,000,000 for direct operating loans; emergency loans, \$14,388,000; Indian tribe land acquisition loans, \$20,000,000; guaranteed conservation loans, \$150,000,000; and for boll weevil eradication program loans, \$60,000,000: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall deem the pink bollworm to be a boll weevil for the purpose of boll weevil eradication program loans.

For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans and grants, including the cost of modifying loans as defined

1 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
 2 as follows: \$1,000,000 for emergency loans, to remain
 3 available until expended; \$39,370,000 for farm ownership
 4 direct loans, and \$84,000 for boll weevil eradication pro-
 5 gram loans.

6 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
 7 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
 8 \$326,053,000: *Provided*, That of this amount,
 9 \$305,803,000 shall be paid to the appropriation for
 10 “Farm Service Agency, Salaries and Expenses”.

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

18 RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

19 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

20 For necessary expenses of the Risk Management
 21 Agency, \$65,637,000: *Provided*, That \$1,000,000 of the
 22 amount appropriated under this heading in this Act shall
 23 be available for compliance and integrity activities re-
 24 quired under section 516(b)(2)(C) of the Federal Crop In-
 25 surance Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1516(b)(2)(C)), and shall

1 be in addition to amounts otherwise provided for such pur-
2 pose: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$1,000 shall
3 be available for official reception and representation ex-
4 penses, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1506(i).

5 NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
6 CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

7 For necessary expenses for carrying out the provi-
8 sions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f),
9 including preparation of conservation plans and establish-
10 ment of measures to conserve soil and water (including
11 farm irrigation and land drainage and such special meas-
12 ures for soil and water management as may be necessary
13 to prevent floods and the siltation of reservoirs and to con-
14 trol agricultural related pollutants); operation of conserva-
15 tion plant materials centers; classification and mapping of
16 soil; dissemination of information; acquisition of lands,
17 water, and interests therein for use in the plant materials
18 program by donation, exchange, or purchase at a nominal
19 cost not to exceed \$100 pursuant to the Act of August
20 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 2268a); purchase and erection or alter-
21 ation or improvement of permanent and temporary build-
22 ings; and operation and maintenance of aircraft,
23 \$895,754,000, which shall be for the purposes and in the
24 amounts specified in the table titled “Natural Resources
25 Conservation Service, Conservation Operations” in the re-

1 port accompanying this Act, to remain available until Sep-
 2 tember 30, 2027: *Provided*, That appropriations here-
 3 under shall be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250 for
 4 construction and improvement of buildings and public im-
 5 provements at plant materials centers, except that the cost
 6 of alterations and improvements to other buildings and
 7 other public improvements shall not exceed \$250,000: *Pro-*
 8 *vided further*, That when buildings or other structures are
 9 erected on non-Federal land, that the right to use such
 10 land is obtained as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2250a.

11 WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

12 For necessary expenses to carry out preventive meas-
 13 ures, including but not limited to surveys and investiga-
 14 tions, engineering operations, works of improvement, and
 15 changes in use of land, in accordance with the Watershed
 16 Protection and Flood Prevention Act (16 U.S.C. 1001–
 17 1005 and 1007–1009) and in accordance with the provi-
 18 sions of laws relating to the activities of the Department,
 19 \$52,360,000, to remain available until expended, of which
 20 \$32,360,000 shall be for the purposes, and in the
 21 amounts, specified for this account in the table titled
 22 “Congressionally Directed Spending” in the report accom-
 23 panying this Act: *Provided*, That for funds provided by
 24 this Act or any other prior Act, the limitation regarding
 25 the size of the watershed or subwatershed exceeding two

1 hundred and fifty thousand acres in which such activities
2 can be undertaken shall only apply for activities under-
3 taken for the primary purpose of flood prevention (includ-
4 ing structural and land treatment measures): *Provided*
5 *further*, That of the amounts made available under this
6 heading, \$10,000,000 shall be allocated to multi-benefit
7 irrigation modernization projects and activities that in-
8 crease fish or wildlife habitat, reduce drought impact, im-
9 prove water quality or instream flow, or provide off-chan-
10 nel renewable energy production.

11 WATERSHED REHABILITATION PROGRAM

12 Under the authorities of section 14 of the Watershed
13 Protection and Flood Prevention Act, \$1,000,000 is pro-
14 vided.

15 CORPORATIONS

16 The following corporations and agencies are hereby
17 authorized to make expenditures, within the limits of
18 funds and borrowing authority available to each such cor-
19 poration or agency and in accord with law, and to make
20 contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year
21 limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government
22 Corporation Control Act as may be necessary in carrying
23 out the programs set forth in the budget for the current
24 fiscal year for such corporation or agency, except as here-
25 inafter provided.

1 FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION FUND

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

5 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUND

6 REIMBURSEMENT FOR NET REALIZED LOSSES

7 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

8 For the current fiscal year, such sums as may be nec-
9 essary to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for
10 net realized losses sustained, but not previously reim-
11 bursed, pursuant to section 2 of the Act of August 17,
12 1961 (15 U.S.C. 713a–11): *Provided*, That of the funds
13 available to the Commodity Credit Corporation under sec-
14 tion 11 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act
15 (15 U.S.C. 714i) for the conduct of its business with the
16 Foreign Agricultural Service, up to \$5,000,000 may be
17 transferred to and used by the Foreign Agricultural Serv-
18 ice for information resource management activities of the
19 Foreign Agricultural Service that are not related to Com-
20 modity Credit Corporation business: *Provided further*,
21 That the Secretary shall notify the Committees on Appro-
22 priations of the House and Senate in writing 15 days prior
23 to the obligation or commitment of any emergency funds
24 from the Commodity Credit Corporation or the transfer
25 or cancellation of any previously obligated Commodity

1 Credit Corporation funds: *Provided further*, That such
2 written notification shall include a detailed spend plan for
3 the anticipated uses of such funds and an expected
4 timeline for program execution if such obligation, commit-
5 ment, transfer, or cancellation exceeds \$100,000,000.

6 HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

7 (LIMITATION ON EXPENSES)

8 For the current fiscal year, the Commodity Credit
9 Corporation shall not expend more than \$15,000,000 for
10 site investigation and cleanup expenses, and operations
11 and maintenance expenses to comply with the requirement
12 of section 107(g) of the Comprehensive Environmental
13 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.
14 9607(g)), and section 6001 of the Solid Waste Disposal
15 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, \$1,620,000: *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; \$351,087,000: *Provided*,
 19 That of the amount made available under this heading,
 20 no less than \$75,000,000, to remain available until ex-
 21 pended, shall be used for information technology expenses:
 22 *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provi-
 23 sion of law, funds appropriated under this heading may
 24 be used for advertising and promotional activities that
 25 support Rural Development programs: *Provided further*,

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

13 RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

14 RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

15 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

16 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
 17 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by title V of the
 18 Housing Act of 1949, to be available from funds in the
 19 rural housing insurance fund, as follows: \$1,000,000,000
 20 shall be for section 502 direct loans; \$5,000,000 shall be
 21 for a Single Family Housing Relending demonstration
 22 program for Native American Tribes; and
 23 \$25,000,000,000 shall be for section 502 unsubsidized
 24 guaranteed loans; \$25,000,000 for section 504 housing re-
 25 pair loans; \$50,000,000 for section 515 rental housing;

1 \$400,000,000 for section 538 guaranteed multi-family
 2 housing loans; \$10,000,000 for credit sales of single fam-
 3 ily housing acquired property; \$5,000,000 for section 523
 4 self-help housing land development loans; \$5,000,000 for
 5 section 524 site development loans; and \$15,000,000 for
 6 section 514 direct farm labor housing loans.

7 For the cost of direct loans, guaranteed loans, and
 8 grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined
 9 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
 10 as follows: section 502 direct loans, \$130,600,000, of
 11 which \$32,650,000 shall remain available until September
 12 30, 2027; Single Family Housing Relending demonstra-
 13 tion program for Native American Tribes, \$2,469,000;
 14 section 504 housing repair loans, \$4,333,000; repair, re-
 15 habilitation, and new construction of section 515 rental
 16 housing, \$15,130,000, to remain available until expended;
 17 section 523 self-help housing land development loans,
 18 \$657,000; section 524 site development loans, \$502,000;
 19 section 514 farm labor housing loans, \$4,761,000, to re-
 20 main available until expended; and farm labor housing
 21 grants, as authorized by section 516 of the Housing Act
 22 of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1486), \$7,500,000, to remain
 23 available until expended: *Provided*, That to support the
 24 loan program level for section 538 guaranteed loans made
 25 available under this heading the Secretary may charge or

1 adjust any fees to cover the projected cost of such loan
2 guarantees pursuant to the provisions of the Credit Re-
3 form Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661 et seq.), and the interest
4 on such loans may not be subsidized: *Provided further,*
5 That applicants in communities that have a current rural
6 area waiver under section 541 of the Housing Act of 1949
7 (42 U.S.C. 1490q) shall be treated as living in a rural
8 area for purposes of section 502 guaranteed loans pro-
9 vided under this heading: *Provided further,* That of the
10 amounts available under this paragraph for section 502
11 direct loans, no less than \$5,000,000 shall be available for
12 direct loans for individuals whose homes will be built pur-
13 suant to a program funded with a mutual and self-help
14 housing grant authorized by section 523 of the Housing
15 Act of 1949 until June 1, 2026: *Provided further,* That
16 the Secretary shall implement provisions to provide incen-
17 tives to nonprofit organizations and public housing au-
18 thorities to facilitate the acquisition of Rural Housing
19 Service (RHS) multifamily housing properties by such
20 nonprofit organizations and public housing authorities
21 that commit to keep such properties in the RHS multi-
22 family housing program for a period of time as determined
23 by the Secretary, with such incentives to include, but not
24 be limited to, the following: allow such nonprofit entities
25 and public housing authorities to earn a Return on Invest-

1 ment on the owner's initial equity contributions, as defined
2 by the Secretary, invested in the transaction; and allow
3 reimbursement of organizational costs associated with
4 owner's oversight of asset referred to as "Asset Manage-
5 ment Fee" of up to \$7,500 per property.

6 In addition, for the cost of direct loans and grants,
7 including the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section
8 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
9 \$34,000,000, to remain available until expended, for a
10 demonstration program for the preservation and revital-
11 ization of the sections 514, 515, and 516 multi-family
12 rental housing properties to restructure existing USDA
13 multi-family housing loans, as the Secretary deems appro-
14 priate, expressly for the purposes of ensuring the project
15 has sufficient resources to preserve the project for the pur-
16 pose of providing safe and affordable housing for low-in-
17 come residents and farm laborers including reducing or
18 eliminating interest; deferring loan payments, subordi-
19 nating, reducing or re-amortizing loan debt; and other fi-
20 nancial assistance including advances, payments and in-
21 centives (including the ability of owners to obtain reason-
22 able returns on investment) required by the Secretary:
23 *Provided*, That the Secretary shall, as part of the preser-
24 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, \$1,715,000,000, 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 2026
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 eighth proviso under this heading and notwithstanding
20 any other provision of the Act, the Secretary may recap-
21 ture rental assistance provided under agreements entered
22 into prior to fiscal year 2026 for a project that the Sec-
23 retary determines no longer needs rental assistance and
24 use such recaptured funds for current needs: *Provided fur-*
25 *ther*, That in addition to any other available funds, the

1 Secretary may expend not more than \$1,000,000 total,
 2 from the program funds made available under this head-
 3 ing, for information technology improvements under this
 4 heading.

5 RURAL HOUSING VOUCHER ACCOUNT

6 For the rural housing voucher program as authorized
 7 under section 542 of the Housing Act of 1949, but not-
 8 withstanding subsection (b) of such section, \$48,000,000,
 9 to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the
 10 funds made available under this heading shall be available
 11 for rural housing vouchers to any low-income household
 12 (including those not receiving rental assistance) residing
 13 in a property financed with a section 515 loan which has
 14 been prepaid or otherwise paid off after September 30,
 15 2005, and is not receiving stand-alone section 521 rental
 16 assistance: *Provided further*, That the amount of such
 17 voucher shall be the difference between comparable market
 18 rent for the section 515 unit and the tenant paid rent for
 19 such unit: *Provided further*, That funds made available for
 20 such vouchers shall be subject to the availability of annual
 21 appropriations: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall,
 22 to the maximum extent practicable, administer such
 23 vouchers with current regulations and administrative guid-
 24 ance applicable to section 8 housing vouchers administered
 25 by the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban

1 Development: *Provided further*, That in addition to any
 2 other available funds, the Secretary may expend not more
 3 than \$1,000,000 total, from the program funds made
 4 available under this heading, for administrative expenses
 5 for activities funded under this heading.

6 MUTUAL AND SELF-HELP HOUSING GRANTS

7 For grants and contracts pursuant to section
 8 523(b)(1)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.
 9 1490c), \$25,000,000, to remain available until expended.

10 RURAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS

11 For grants for very low-income housing repair and
 12 rural housing preservation made by the Rural Housing
 13 Service, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 1474, and 1490m,
 14 \$35,000,000, to remain available until expended.

15 RURAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES 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 section 306
 19 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the Consolidated
 20 Farm and Rural Development Act, \$1,250,000,000 for di-
 21 rect loans and \$650,000,000 for guaranteed loans.

22 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and
 23 grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined
 24 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
 25 for rural community facilities programs as authorized by

1 section 306 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the
2 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act,
3 \$217,436,000, to remain available until expended, of
4 which \$199,436,000 shall be for the purposes, and in the
5 amounts specified in the table titled “Congressionally Di-
6 rected Spending” in the report accompanying this Act:
7 *Provided*, That \$5,000,000 of the amount appropriated
8 under this heading shall be available for a Rural Commu-
9 nity Development Initiative: *Provided further*, That such
10 funds shall be used solely to develop the capacity and abil-
11 ity of private, nonprofit community-based housing and
12 community development organizations, low-income rural
13 communities, and Federally Recognized Native American
14 Tribes to undertake projects to improve housing, commu-
15 nity facilities, community and economic development
16 projects in rural areas: *Provided further*, That such funds
17 shall be made available to qualified private, nonprofit and
18 public intermediary organizations proposing to carry out
19 a program of financial and technical assistance: *Provided*
20 *further*, That such intermediary organizations shall pro-
21 vide matching funds from other sources, including Federal
22 funds for related activities, in an amount not less than
23 funds provided: *Provided further*, That any unobligated
24 balances from prior year appropriations under this head-
25 ing for the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and

1 grants, including amounts deobligated or cancelled, may
2 be made available to cover the subsidy costs for direct
3 loans, loan guarantees and or grants under this heading
4 in this fiscal year: *Provided further*, That no amounts may
5 be made available pursuant to the preceding proviso from
6 amounts that were designated by the Congress as an
7 emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolu-
8 tion on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-
9 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That
10 amounts specified in the tables titled “Community Project
11 Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending” in the ex-
12 planatory statements accompanying prior year Agri-
13 culture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administra-
14 tion, and Related Agencies Appropriations Acts, as de-
15 scribed in section 4 in the matter preceding division A of
16 such Acts, may not be made available pursuant to the fifth
17 proviso until at least three fiscal years after the fiscal year
18 in which such funds were originally made available: *Pro-*
19 *vided further*, That no amounts may be made available
20 pursuant to the preceding proviso without prior notifica-
21 tion and approval of the Committees of Appropriations of
22 both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That
23 \$13,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-
24 ing shall be available for community facilities grants, as
25 authorized by section 306(a)(19) of the Consolidated

1 Farm and Rural Development Act, of which \$8,000,000
 2 shall be for grants to tribal colleges as authorized by sec-
 3 tion 306(a)(25) of such Act: *Provided further*, That sec-
 4 tions 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)), \$1,750,000,000.

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, \$55,575,000, to remain available until
 22 expended: *Provided*, That of the amount appropriated
 23 under this heading, \$15,575,000 shall be for business and
 24 industry guaranteed loans: *Provided further*, That of the
 25 amount appropriated under this heading, \$26,000,000

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, of which not to exceed \$500,000
4 shall be made available for one grant to a qualified na-
5 tional organization to provide technical assistance for
6 rural transportation in order to promote economic develop-
7 ment: *Provided further*, That of the amount appropriated
8 under this heading, \$10,000,000 shall be for grants to the
9 Delta Regional Authority (7 U.S.C. 2009aa et seq.), the
10 Northern Border Regional Commission (40 U.S.C. 15101
11 et seq.), the Southwest Border Regional Commission (40
12 U.S.C. 15301 et seq.), and the Appalachian Regional
13 Commission (40 U.S.C. 14101 et seq.) for any Rural Com-
14 munity Advancement Program purpose as described in
15 section 381E(d) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-
16 velopment Act, of which not more than 5 percent may be
17 used for administrative expenses: *Provided further*, That
18 \$4,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-
19 ing shall be for business grants to benefit Federally Recog-
20 nized Native American Tribes, including \$250,000 for a
21 grant to a qualified national organization to provide tech-
22 nical assistance for rural transportation in order to pro-
23 mote economic development: *Provided further*, That sec-
24 tions 381E–H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and

1 Rural Development Act are not applicable to funds made
 2 available under this heading.

3 INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM FUND ACCOUNT
 4 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

5 For the principal amount of direct loans, as author-
 6 ized by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Ac-
 7 count (7 U.S.C. 1936b), \$13,000,000.

8 For the cost of direct loans, \$2,954,000, as author-
 9 ized by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Ac-
 10 count (7 U.S.C. 1936b), of which \$295,000 shall be avail-
 11 able through June 30, 2026, for Federally Recognized Na-
 12 tive American Tribes; and of which \$591,000 shall be
 13 available through June 30, 2026, for Mississippi Delta Re-
 14 gion counties (as determined in accordance with Public
 15 Law 100–460): *Provided*, That such costs, including the
 16 cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section
 17 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

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

22 RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS PROGRAM
 23 ACCOUNT

24 For the principal amount of direct loans, as author-
 25 ized under section 313B(a) of the Rural Electrification

1 Act, for the purpose of promoting rural economic develop-
 2 ment and job creation projects, \$50,000,000.

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

7 RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

8 For rural cooperative development grants authorized
 9 under section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and
 10 Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932), \$24,800,000, of
 11 which \$3,500,000 shall be for cooperative agreements for
 12 the appropriate technology transfer for rural areas pro-
 13 gram: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$3,000,000 shall be
 14 for grants for cooperative development centers, individual
 15 cooperatives, or groups of cooperatives that serve socially
 16 disadvantaged groups and a majority of the boards of di-
 17 rectors or governing boards of which are comprised of in-
 18 dividuals who are members of socially disadvantaged
 19 groups; and of which \$12,500,000, to remain available
 20 until expended, shall be for value-added agricultural prod-
 21 uct market development grants, as authorized by section
 22 210A of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, of which
 23 \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be
 24 for Agriculture Innovation Centers authorized pursuant to
 25 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), \$19,515,000.

5 For the cost of loans and grants, \$5,000,000 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), \$100,000,000.

14 HEALTHY FOOD FINANCING INITIATIVE

15 For the cost of loans and grants that is consistent
16 with section 243 of subtitle D of title II of the Department
17 of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C.
18 6953), as added by section 4206 of the Agricultural Act
19 of 2014, for necessary expenses of the Secretary to sup-
20 port projects that provide access to healthy food in under-
21 served areas, to create and preserve quality jobs, and to
22 revitalize low-income communities, \$500,000, to remain
23 available until expended: *Provided*, That such costs of
24 loans, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be

1 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
2 of 1974.

3 RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE

4 RURAL WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM ACCOUNT
5 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

6 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
7 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by section 306
8 and described in section 381E(d)(2) of the Consolidated
9 Farm and Rural Development Act, as follows:
10 \$1,015,000,000 for direct loans; and \$50,000,000 for
11 guaranteed loans.

12 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and
13 grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined
14 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
15 for rural water, waste water, waste disposal, and solid
16 waste management programs authorized by sections 306,
17 306A, 306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B and described in sec-
18 tions 306C(a)(2), 306D, 306E, and 381E(d)(2) of the
19 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act,
20 \$443,776,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
21 *vided*, That \$51,476,000 of the amount appropriated
22 under this heading shall be available for direct loans, of
23 which no less than \$3,876,000 shall be available for water
24 and waste direct one percent loans for distressed commu-
25 nities as the Secretary deems appropriate: *Provided fur-*

1 *ther*, That \$1,000,000 shall be available for the rural utili-
 2 ties program described in section 306(a)(2)(B) of such
 3 Act: *Provided further*, That \$5,000,000 of the amount ap-
 4 propriated under this heading shall be available for the
 5 rural utilities program described in section 306E of such
 6 Act: *Provided further*, That \$10,000,000 of the amount
 7 appropriated under this heading shall be for grants au-
 8 thorized by section 306A(i)(2) of the Consolidated Farm
 9 and Rural Development Act in addition to funding author-
 10 ized by section 306A(i)(1) of such Act: *Provided further*,
 11 That \$65,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this
 12 heading shall be for loans and grants including water and
 13 waste disposal systems grants authorized by section
 14 306C(a)(2)(B) and section 306D of the Consolidated
 15 Farm and Rural Development Act, and Federally Recog-
 16 nized Native American Tribes authorized by 306C(a)(1)
 17 of such Act, and the Department of Hawaiian Home
 18 Lands (of the State of Hawaii): *Provided further*, That
 19 funding provided for section 306D of the Consolidated
 20 Farm and Rural Development Act may be provided to a
 21 consortium formed pursuant to section 325 of Public Law
 22 105–83: *Provided further*, That not more than 2 percent
 23 of the funding provided for section 306D of the Consoli-
 24 dated Farm and Rural Development Act may be used by
 25 the State of Alaska for training and technical assistance

1 programs and not more than 2 percent of the funding pro-
2 vided for section 306D of the Consolidated Farm and
3 Rural Development Act may be used by a consortium
4 formed pursuant to section 325 of Public Law 105–83 for
5 training and technical assistance programs: *Provided fur-*
6 *ther*, That \$35,000,000 of the amount appropriated under
7 this heading shall be for technical assistance grants for
8 rural water and waste systems pursuant to section
9 306(a)(14) of such Act, unless the Secretary makes a de-
10 termination of extreme need, of which \$9,000,000 shall
11 be made available for a grant to a qualified nonprofit
12 multi-State regional technical assistance organization,
13 with experience in working with small communities on
14 water and waste water problems, the principal purpose of
15 such grant shall be to assist rural communities with popu-
16 lations of 3,300 or less, in improving the planning, financ-
17 ing, development, operation, and management of water
18 and waste water systems, and of which not less than
19 \$800,000 shall be for a qualified national Native American
20 organization to provide technical assistance for rural water
21 systems for tribal communities: *Provided further*, That
22 \$23,900,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-
23 ing shall be for contracting with qualified national organi-
24 zations for a circuit rider program to provide technical as-
25 sistance for rural water systems: *Provided further*, That

1 \$4,000,000 of the amounts made available under this
2 heading shall be for solid waste management grants: *Pro-*
3 *vided further*, That \$240,400,000 of the amounts made
4 available under this heading shall be for grants pursuant
5 to section 306(a)(2)(a) of the Consolidated Farm and
6 Rural Development Act: *Provided further*, That
7 \$8,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-
8 ing shall be transferred to, and merged with, the Rural
9 Utilities Service, High Energy Cost Grants Account to
10 provide grants authorized under section 19 of the Rural
11 Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 918a): *Provided fur-*
12 *ther*, That if any funds made available for the direct loan
13 subsidy costs under this heading remain unobligated after
14 July 31, 2026, such unobligated balances may be used for
15 grant programs funded under this heading: *Provided fur-*
16 *ther*, That any unobligated balances from prior year ap-
17 propriations under this heading for the cost of direct
18 loans, loan guarantees and grants, including amounts
19 deobligated or cancelled, may be made available to cover
20 the subsidy costs for direct loans, loan guarantees and or
21 grants under this heading in this fiscal year: *Provided fur-*
22 *ther*, That no amounts may be made available pursuant
23 to the two preceding provisos from amounts that were des-
24 ignated by the Congress as an emergency requirement
25 pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the

1 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
 2 1985: *Provided further*, That sections 381E–H and 381N
 3 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act are
 4 not applicable to the funds made available under this
 5 heading.

6 RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

7 LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

9 The principal amount of loans and loan guarantees
 10 as authorized by sections 4, 305, 306, 313A, and 317 of
 11 the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 904, 935,
 12 936, 940c–1, and 940g) shall be made as follows: guaran-
 13 teed rural electric loans made pursuant to section 306 of
 14 that Act, \$2,667,000,000; cost of money direct loans made
 15 pursuant to sections 4, notwithstanding the one-eighth of
 16 one percent in 4(c)(2), and 317, notwithstanding 317(c),
 17 of that Act, \$4,333,000,000; guaranteed underwriting
 18 loans pursuant to section 313A of that Act, \$900,000,000;
 19 for cost-of-money rural telecommunications loans made
 20 pursuant to section 305(d)(2) of that Act, \$350,000,000;
 21 and for guaranteed rural telecommunications loans made
 22 pursuant to section 306 of that Act, \$200,000,000: *Pro-*
 23 *vided*, That up to \$2,000,000,000 shall be used for the
 24 construction, acquisition, design, engineering or improve-
 25 ment of fossil-fueled electric generating plants (whether

1 new or existing) that utilize carbon subsurface utilization
 2 and storage systems.

3 For the cost of direct loans as authorized by section
 4 305(d)(2) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7
 5 U.S.C. 935(d)(2)), including the cost of modifying loans,
 6 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
 7 of 1974, cost of money rural telecommunications loans,
 8 \$3,570,000.

9 In addition, \$4,200,000 to remain available until ex-
 10 pended, to carry out section 6407 of the Farm Security
 11 and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107a): *Pro-*
 12 *vided*, That the energy efficiency measures supported by
 13 the funding in this paragraph shall contribute in a demon-
 14 strable way to the reduction of greenhouse gases.

15 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
 16 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
 17 \$33,270,000, which shall be paid to the appropriation for
 18 “Rural Development, Salaries and Expenses”.

19 DISTANCE LEARNING, TELEMEDICINE, AND BROADBAND
 20 PROGRAM

21 For grants for telemedicine and distance learning
 22 services in rural areas, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 950aaa
 23 et seq., \$40,610,000, to remain available until expended,
 24 of which \$610,000 shall be for the purposes, and in the
 25 amounts, specified for this account in the table titled

1 “Congressionally Directed Spending” in the report accom-
2 panying this Act: *Provided*, That \$3,000,000 shall be
3 made available for grants authorized by section 379G of
4 the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act: *Pro-*
5 *vided further*, That funding provided under this heading
6 for grants under section 379G of the Consolidated Farm
7 and Rural Development Act may only be provided to enti-
8 ties that meet all of the eligibility criteria for a consortium
9 as established by this section.

10 For the cost to continue a broadband loan and grant
11 pilot program established by section 779 of division A of
12 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law
13 115–141) under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as
14 amended (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), \$35,000,000, to remain
15 available until expended: *Provided*, That the Secretary
16 may award grants described in section 601(a) of the Rural
17 Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C.
18 950bb(a)) for the purposes of carrying out such pilot pro-
19 gram: *Provided further*, That the cost of direct loans shall
20 be defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
21 of 1974: *Provided further*, That at least 90 percent of the
22 households to be served by a project receiving a loan or
23 grant under the pilot program shall be in a rural area
24 without sufficient access to broadband: *Provided further*,
25 That for purposes of such pilot program, a rural area

1 without sufficient access to broadband shall be defined as
2 twenty-five megabits per second downstream and three
3 megabits per second upstream: *Provided further*, That to
4 the extent possible, projects receiving funds provided
5 under the pilot program must build out service to at least
6 one hundred megabits per second downstream, and twenty
7 megabits per second upstream: *Provided further*, That an
8 entity to which a loan or grant is made under the pilot
9 program shall not use the loan or grant to overbuild or
10 duplicate broadband service in a service area by any entity
11 that has received a broadband loan from the Rural Utili-
12 ties Service unless such service is not provided sufficient
13 access to broadband at the minimum service threshold:
14 *Provided further*, That not more than four percent of the
15 funds made available in this paragraph can be used for
16 administrative costs to carry out the pilot program and
17 up to three percent of funds made available in this para-
18 graph may be available for technical assistance and pre-
19 development planning activities to support the most rural
20 communities: *Provided further*, That the Rural Utilities
21 Service is directed to expedite program delivery methods
22 that would implement this paragraph: *Provided further*,
23 That for purposes of this paragraph, the Secretary shall
24 adhere to the notice, reporting and service area assess-

1 ment requirements set forth in section 701 of the Rural
2 Electrification Act (7 U.S.C. 950cc).

3 In addition, \$20,000,000, to remain available until
4 expended, for the Community Connect Grant Program au-
5 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 \$1,127,000: *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; \$36,285,902,000 to remain available through Sep-
20 tember 30, 2027, 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, \$21,918,000
 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 2026 shall not exceed \$500,000: *Provided*
 14 *further*, That of the total amount available, \$10,000,000
 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 \$1,500,000 shall remain available until expended to carry
 23 out activities authorized under subsections (a)(2) and
 24 (e)(2) of section 21 of the Richard B. Russell National
 25 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769b–1(a)(2) and (e)(2)):

1 *Provided further*, That section 26(d) of the Richard B.
 2 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769g(d))
 3 is amended in the first sentence by striking “2010 through
 4 2026” and inserting “2010 through 2027”: *Provided fur-*
 5 *ther*, That section 9(h)(3) of the Richard B. Russell Na-
 6 tional School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(h)(3)) is amend-
 7 ed in the first sentence by striking “For fiscal year 2025”
 8 and inserting “For fiscal year 2026”: *Provided further*,
 9 That section 9(h)(4) of the Richard B. Russell National
 10 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(h)(4)) is amended in
 11 the first sentence by striking “For fiscal year 2025” and
 12 inserting “For fiscal year 2026”.

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

15 For necessary expenses to carry out the special sup-
 16 plemental nutrition program as authorized by section 17
 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786),
 18 \$8,200,000,000, to remain available through September
 19 30, 2027: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section
 20 17(h)(10) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.
 21 1786(h)(10)), not less than \$90,000,000 shall be used for
 22 breastfeeding peer counselors and other related activities,
 23 and \$14,000,000 shall be used for infrastructure, includ-
 24 ing investments to develop strategies to improve timely
 25 program data collection and reporting: *Provided further*,

1 That funds made available under this heading may be
 2 used to award grants and cooperative agreements to State
 3 agencies or other entities: *Provided further*, That the Sec-
 4 retary shall use funds made available under this heading
 5 to maintain the amount for the cash-value voucher for
 6 women and children participants at an amount rec-
 7 ommended by the National Academies of Science, Engi-
 8 neering and Medicine and adjusted for inflation: *Provided*
 9 *further*, That none of the funds provided in this account
 10 shall be available for the purchase of infant formula except
 11 in accordance with the cost containment and competitive
 12 bidding requirements specified in section 17 of such Act:
 13 *Provided further*, That none of the funds provided shall
 14 be available for activities that are not fully reimbursed by
 15 other Federal Government departments or agencies unless
 16 authorized by section 17 of such Act: *Provided further*,
 17 That upon termination of a federally mandated vendor
 18 moratorium and subject to terms and conditions estab-
 19 lished by the Secretary, the Secretary may waive the re-
 20 quirement at 7 CFR 246.12(g)(6) at the request of a
 21 State agency.

22 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

23 For necessary expenses to carry out the Food and
 24 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.),
 25 \$118,139,341,000, of which \$3,000,000,000, to remain

1 available through September 30, 2027, shall be placed in
2 reserve for use only in such amounts and at such times
3 as may become necessary to carry out program operations:
4 *Provided*, That funds provided herein shall be expended
5 in accordance with section 16 of the Food and Nutrition
6 Act of 2008: *Provided further*, That of the funds made
7 available under this heading, \$998,000 may be used to
8 provide nutrition education services to State agencies and
9 Federally Recognized Tribes participating in the Food
10 Distribution Program on Indian Reservations: *Provided*
11 *further*, That of the funds made available under this head-
12 ing, \$3,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
13 2027, shall be used to carry out section 4003(b) of Public
14 Law 115–334 relating to demonstration projects for tribal
15 organizations: *Provided further*, That of the funds made
16 available under this heading, \$3,000,000 shall be used to
17 carry out section 4208 of Public Law 115–334: *Provided*
18 *further*, That this appropriation shall be subject to any
19 work registration or workfare requirements as may be re-
20 quired by law: *Provided further*, That funds made available
21 for Employment and Training under this heading shall re-
22 main available through September 30, 2027: *Provided fur-*
23 *ther*, That funds made available under this heading for
24 section 28(d)(1), section 4(b), and section 27(a) of the
25 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 shall remain available

1 through September 30, 2027: *Provided further*, That none
 2 of the funds made available under this heading may be
 3 obligated or expended in contravention of section 213A of
 4 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1183A):
 5 *Provided further*, That funds made available under this
 6 heading may be used to enter into contracts and employ
 7 staff to conduct studies, evaluations, or to conduct activi-
 8 ties related to program integrity provided that such activi-
 9 ties are authorized by the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008.

10 COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

11 For necessary expenses to carry out disaster and
 12 commodity assistance, \$516,070,000, to remain available
 13 through September 30, 2027, of which \$425,000,000 shall
 14 be for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, as au-
 15 thorized by section 4(a) of the Agriculture and Consumer
 16 Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note), \$80,000,000
 17 shall be for the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983,
 18 \$1,070,000 shall be for assistance for the nuclear affected
 19 islands, as authorized by section 103(f)(2) of the Compact
 20 of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (Public Law
 21 108–188), and \$10,000,000 shall be for the Farmers’
 22 Market Nutrition Program, as authorized by section
 23 17(m) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966: *Provided*, That
 24 none of these funds shall be available to reimburse the
 25 Commodity Credit Corporation for commodities donated

1 to the program: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding
 2 any other provision of law, effective with funds made avail-
 3 able in fiscal year 2026 to support the Seniors Farmers'
 4 Market Nutrition Program, as authorized by section 4402
 5 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002,
 6 such funds shall remain available through September 30,
 7 2027: *Provided further*, That of the funds made available
 8 under section 27(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
 9 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)), the Secretary may use up to 20 per-
 10 cent for costs associated with the distribution of commod-
 11 ities.

12 NUTRITION PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION

13 For necessary administrative expenses of the Food
 14 and Nutrition Service for carrying out any domestic nutri-
 15 tion assistance program, \$177,348,000: *Provided*, That of
 16 the funds provided herein, \$2,000,000 shall be used for
 17 the purposes of section 4404 of Public Law 107–171, as
 18 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 \$932,000: *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 \$40,000 for official reception and representation expenses.

17 FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

18 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

20 For necessary expenses of the Foreign Agricultural
21 Service, including not to exceed \$250,000 for representa-
22 tion allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of
23 the Act approved August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766),
24 \$227,330,000, of which no more than 6 percent shall re-
25 main available until September 30, 2027, for overseas op-

1 erations to include the payment of locally employed staff:
 2 *Provided*, That the Service may utilize advances of funds,
 3 or reimburse this appropriation for expenditures made on
 4 behalf of Federal agencies, public and private organiza-
 5 tions and institutions under agreements executed pursu-
 6 ant to the agricultural food production assistance pro-
 7 grams (7 U.S.C. 1737) and the foreign assistance pro-
 8 grams of the United States Agency for International De-
 9 velopment: *Provided further*, That of the funds made avail-
 10 able under this heading, \$5,000,000, to remain available
 11 until expended, shall be for the Cochran Fellowship Pro-
 12 gram, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 3293, \$4,000,000, to re-
 13 main available until expended, shall be for the Borlaug
 14 International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellow-
 15 ship program, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 3319j, and up
 16 to \$2,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall
 17 be for the purpose of offsetting fluctuations in inter-
 18 national currency exchange rates, subject to documenta-
 19 tion by the Foreign Agricultural Service.

20 FOOD FOR PEACE TITLE II GRANTS

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

1 \$1,500,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
 2 *vided*, That of the amount made available under this head-
 3 ing, \$1,000,000, shall be for the Secretary of Agriculture,
 4 in consultation with the Secretary of State and heads of
 5 other relevant Federal departments and agencies as appli-
 6 cable, to conduct an interagency review and, within 60
 7 days of enactment of this Act, provide a detailed report
 8 outlining the process and agency needs to support a trans-
 9 fer of the Food for Peace program from the U.S. Agency
 10 for International Development to the Foreign Agricultural
 11 Service within the Department of Agriculture: *Provided*
 12 *further*, That such report shall include the requirements
 13 outlined in the section entitled “Food for Peace Inter-
 14 agency Review and Report” in the report accompanying
 15 this Act and shall also address any other needs that the
 16 Department of Agriculture believes will be required to sup-
 17 port successful implementation of such program transfer.

18 MCGOVERN-DOLE INTERNATIONAL FOOD FOR EDUCATION

19 AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM GRANTS

20 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions
 21 of section 3107 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
 22 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1736o–1), \$240,000,000, to
 23 remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the Com-
 24 modity Credit Corporation is authorized to provide the
 25 services, facilities, and authorities for the purpose of im-

1 plementing such section, subject to reimbursement from
 2 amounts provided herein: *Provided further*, That of the
 3 amount made available under this heading, not more than
 4 10 percent, but not less than \$24,000,000, shall remain
 5 available until expended to purchase agricultural commod-
 6 ities as described in subsection 3107(a)(2) of the Farm
 7 Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C.
 8 1736o–1(a)(2)).

9 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION EXPORT (LOANS)

10 CREDIT GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

12 For administrative expenses to carry out the Com-
 13 modity Credit Corporation’s Export Guarantee Program,
 14 GSM 102 and GSM 103, \$6,063,000, to cover common
 15 overhead expenses as permitted by section 11 of the Com-
 16 modity Credit Corporation Charter Act and in conformity
 17 with the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, which shall
 18 be paid to the appropriation for “Foreign Agricultural
 19 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; \$7,015,038,000: *Provided*, That of the amount
20 provided under this heading, \$1,543,226,000 shall be de-
21 rived from prescription drug user fees authorized by 21
22 U.S.C. 379h, and shall be credited to this account and
23 remain available until expended; \$445,808,000 shall be de-
24 rived from medical device user fees authorized by 21
25 U.S.C. 379j, and shall be credited to this account and re-

1 main available until expended; \$665,438,000 shall be de-
2 rived from human generic drug user fees authorized by
3 21 U.S.C. 379j-42, and shall be credited to this account
4 and remain available until expended; \$55,731,000 shall be
5 derived from biosimilar biological product user fees au-
6 thorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j-52, and shall be credited to
7 this account and remain available until expended;
8 \$34,142,000 shall be derived from animal drug user fees
9 authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j-12, and shall be credited
10 to this account and remain available until expended;
11 \$26,503,000 shall be derived from generic new animal
12 drug user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j-21, and shall
13 be credited to this account and remain available until ex-
14 pended; \$712,000,000 shall be derived from tobacco prod-
15 uct user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 387s, and shall be
16 credited to this account and remain available until ex-
17 pended: *Provided further*, That in addition to and notwith-
18 standing any other provision under this heading, amounts
19 collected for prescription drug user fees, medical device
20 user fees, human generic drug user fees, biosimilar biologi-
21 cal product user fees, animal drug user fees, and generic
22 new animal drug user fees that exceed the respective fiscal
23 year 2026 limitations are appropriated and shall be cred-
24 ited to this account and remain available until expended:
25 *Provided further*, That fees derived from prescription drug,

1 medical device, human generic drug, biosimilar biological
2 product, animal drug, and generic new animal drug as-
3 sessments for fiscal year 2026, including any such fees
4 collected prior to fiscal year 2026 but credited for fiscal
5 year 2026, shall be subject to the fiscal year 2026 limita-
6 tions: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may accept
7 payment during fiscal year 2026 of user fees specified
8 under this heading and authorized for fiscal year 2027,
9 prior to the due date for such fees, and that amounts of
10 such fees assessed for fiscal year 2027 for which the Sec-
11 retary accepts payment in fiscal year 2026 shall not be
12 included in amounts under this heading: *Provided further*,
13 That none of these funds shall be used to develop, estab-
14 lish, or operate any program of user fees authorized by
15 31 U.S.C. 9701: *Provided further*, That of the total
16 amount appropriated: (1) \$1,171,319,000 shall be for the
17 Human Foods Program and for related field activities, in-
18 cluding inspections, investigations, and import operations,
19 conducted by the Human Foods Program, the Office of
20 Inspections and Investigations, or the Office of the Chief
21 Scientist, of which no less than \$15,000,000 shall be used
22 for inspections of foreign seafood manufacturers and field
23 examinations of imported seafood; (2) \$2,497,463,000
24 shall be for the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
25 and for related field activities, including inspections, inves-

1 tigungen, and import operations, conducted by the Center,
2 the Office of Inspections and Investigations, or the Office
3 of the Chief Scientist, of which no less than \$10,000,000
4 shall be for pilots to increase unannounced foreign inspec-
5 tions and shall remain available until expended; (3)
6 \$625,756,000 shall be for the Center for Biologics Evalua-
7 tion and Research and for related field activities, including
8 inspections, investigations, and import operations, con-
9 ducted by the Center, the Office of Inspections and Inves-
10 tigungen, or the Office of the Chief Scientist; (4)
11 \$286,442,000 shall be for the Center for Veterinary Medi-
12 cine and for related field activities, including inspections,
13 investigations, and import operations, conducted by the
14 Center, the Office of Inspections and Investigations, or the
15 Office of the Chief Scientist; (5) \$863,358,000 shall be
16 for the Center for Devices and Radiological Health and
17 for related field activities, including inspections, investiga-
18 tions, and import operations, conducted by the Center, the
19 Office of Inspections and Investigations, or the Office of
20 the Chief Scientist; (6) \$77,740,000 shall be for the Na-
21 tional Center for Toxicological Research; (7)
22 \$689,258,000 shall be for the Center for Tobacco Prod-
23 ucts and for related field activities, including inspections,
24 investigations, and import operations, conducted by the
25 Center, the Office of Inspections and Investigations, or the

1 Office of the Chief Scientist; (8) \$434,455,000 shall be
 2 for Rent and Related activities, of which \$55,112,000 is
 3 for White Oak Consolidation, other than the amounts paid
 4 to the General Services Administration for rent; (9)
 5 \$219,639,000 shall be for payments to the General Serv-
 6 ices Administration for rent; and (10) \$369,267,000 shall
 7 be for other activities, including the Office of the Commis-
 8 sioner of Food and Drugs, the Office of the Chief Sci-
 9 entist, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer, and central
 10 services for these offices: *Provided further*, That not to ex-
 11 ceed \$25,000 of this amount shall be for official reception
 12 and representation expenses, not otherwise provided for,
 13 as determined by the Commissioner: *Provided further*,
 14 That any transfer of funds pursuant to, and for the ad-
 15 ministration of, section 770(n) of the Federal Food, Drug,
 16 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 379dd(n)) shall only be from
 17 amounts made available under this heading for other ac-
 18 tivities and shall not exceed \$2,000,000: *Provided further*,
 19 That of the amounts that are made available under this
 20 heading for “other activities”, and that are not derived
 21 from user fees, \$1,500,000 shall be transferred to and
 22 merged with the appropriation for “Department of Health
 23 and Human Services—Office of Inspector General” for
 24 oversight of the programs and operations of the Food and
 25 Drug Administration and shall be in addition to funds oth-

1 erwise made available for oversight of the Food and Drug
 2 Administration: *Provided further*, That funds may be
 3 transferred from one specified activity to another with the
 4 prior approval of the Committees on Appropriations of
 5 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, \$5,000,000, to re-
2 main available until expended.

3 INDEPENDENT AGENCY

4 FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

5 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

6 Not to exceed \$106,500,000 (from assessments col-
7 lected from farm credit institutions, including the Federal
8 Agricultural Mortgage Corporation) shall be obligated
9 during the current fiscal year for administrative expenses
10 as authorized under 12 U.S.C. 2249: *Provided*, That this
11 limitation shall not apply to expenses associated with re-
12 ceiverships: *Provided further*, That the agency may exceed
13 this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification to the
14 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
15 gress: *Provided further*, That the purposes of section
16 3.7(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C.
17 2128(b)(2)(A)(i)), the Farm Credit Administration may
18 exempt, an amount in its sole discretion, from the applica-
19 tion of the limitation provided in that clause of export
20 loans described in the clause guaranteed or insured in a
21 manner other than described in subclause (II) of the
22 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 2026
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 attributable to the amounts in ex-
4 cess of the true costs of the shared services provided by
5 the National Finance Center and budgeted for the Na-
6 tional Finance Center, the Secretary shall reserve not
7 more than 4 percent for the replacement or acquisition
8 of capital equipment, including equipment for the improve-
9 ment, delivery, and implementation of financial, adminis-
10 trative, and information technology services, and other
11 systems of the National Finance Center or to pay any un-
12 foreseen, extraordinary cost of the National Finance Cen-
13 ter: *Provided further*, That none of the amounts reserved
14 shall be available for obligation unless the Secretary sub-
15 mits written notification of the obligation to the Commit-
16 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Pro-*
17 *vided further*, That the limitations on the obligation of
18 funds pending notification to Congressional Committees
19 shall not apply to any obligation that, as determined by
20 the Secretary, is necessary to respond to a declared state
21 of emergency that significantly impacts the operations of
22 the National Finance Center; or to evacuate employees of
23 the National Finance Center to a safe haven to continue
24 operations of the National Finance Center.

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

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

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

24 SEC. 706. None of the funds made available to the
25 Department of Agriculture by this Act may be used to ac-

1 quire new information technology systems or significant
2 upgrades, as determined by the Office of the Chief Infor-
3 mation Officer, without the approval of the Chief Informa-
4 tion Officer and the concurrence of the Executive Informa-
5 tion Technology Investment Review Board: *Provided*, That
6 notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the
7 funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this
8 Act may be transferred to the Office of the Chief Informa-
9 tion Officer without written notification to and the prior
10 approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both
11 Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That notwith-
12 standing section 11319 of title 40, United States Code,
13 none of the funds available to the Department of Agri-
14 culture for information technology shall be obligated for
15 projects, contracts, or other agreements over \$25,000
16 prior to receipt of written approval by the Chief Informa-
17 tion Officer: *Provided further*, That the Chief Information
18 Officer may authorize an agency to obligate funds without
19 written approval from the Chief Information Officer for
20 projects, contracts, or other agreements up to \$250,000
21 based upon the performance of an agency measured
22 against the performance plan requirements described in
23 the explanatory statement accompanying Public Law 113–
24 235.

1 SEC. 707. Funds made available under section 524(b)
2 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1524(b)) in
3 the current fiscal year shall remain available until ex-
4 pended to disburse obligations made in the current fiscal
5 year.

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

14 SEC. 709. Except as otherwise specifically provided
15 by law, not more than \$20,000,000 in unobligated bal-
16 ances from appropriations made available for salaries and
17 expenses in this Act for the Farm Service Agency shall
18 remain available through September 30, 2027, for infor-
19 mation technology expenses.

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

1 SEC. 711. In the case of each program established
2 or amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law
3 113–79) or by a successor to that Act, other than by title
4 I or subtitle A of title III of such Act, or programs for
5 which indefinite amounts were provided in that Act, that
6 is authorized or required to be carried out using funds
7 of the Commodity Credit Corporation—

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

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

20 SEC. 712. Of the funds made available by this Act,
21 not more than \$2,900,000 shall be used to cover necessary
22 expenses of activities related to all advisory committees,
23 panels, commissions, and task forces of the Department
24 of Agriculture, except for panels used to comply with nego-

1 tiated rule makings and panels used to evaluate competi-
 2 tively awarded grants.

3 SEC. 713. (a) None of the funds made available in
 4 this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer
 5 network unless such network blocks the viewing,
 6 downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

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

11 SEC. 714. Notwithstanding subsection (b) of section
 12 14222 of Public Law 110–246 (7 U.S.C. 612c–6; in this
 13 section referred to as “section 14222”), none of the funds
 14 appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any
 15 other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and expenses
 16 of personnel to carry out a program under section 32 of
 17 the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c; in this section
 18 referred to as “section 32”) in excess of \$1,574,028,000
 19 (exclusive of carryover appropriations from prior fiscal
 20 years), as follows: Child Nutrition Programs Entitlement
 21 Commodities—\$485,000,000; State Option Contracts—
 22 \$5,000,000; Removal of Defective Commodities—
 23 \$1,660,000; Administration of section 32 Commodity Pur-
 24 chases—\$37,178,000: *Provided*, That, of the total funds
 25 made available in the matter preceding this proviso that

1 remain unobligated on October 1, 2026, such unobligated
2 balances shall carryover into fiscal year 2027 and shall
3 remain available until expended for any of the purposes
4 of section 32, except that any such carryover funds used
5 in accordance with clause (3) of section 32 may not exceed
6 \$350,000,000 and may not be obligated until the Sec-
7 retary of Agriculture provides written notification of the
8 expenditures to the Committees on Appropriations of both
9 Houses of Congress at least two weeks in advance: *Pro-*
10 *vided further*, That, with the exception of any available
11 carryover funds authorized in any prior appropriations Act
12 to be used for the purposes of clause (3) of section 32,
13 none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made avail-
14 able by this or any other Act shall be used to pay the
15 salaries or expenses of any employee of the Department
16 of Agriculture to carry out clause (3) of section 32.

17 SEC. 715. None of the funds appropriated by this or
18 any other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and ex-
19 penses of personnel who prepare or submit appropriations
20 language as part of the President's budget submission to
21 the Congress for programs under the jurisdiction of the
22 Appropriations Subcommittees on Agriculture, Rural De-
23 velopment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related
24 Agencies that assumes revenues or reflects a reduction
25 from the previous year due to user fees proposals that

1 have not been enacted into law prior to the submission
2 of the budget unless such budget submission identifies
3 which additional spending reductions should occur in the
4 event the user fees proposals are not enacted prior to the
5 date of the convening of a committee of conference for
6 the fiscal year 2026 appropriations Act.

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

- 20 (1) creates new programs;
- 21 (2) eliminates a program, project, or activity;
- 22 (3) increases funds or personnel by any means
23 for any project or activity for which funds have been
24 denied or restricted;
- 25 (4) relocates an office or employees;

1 (5) reorganizes offices, programs, or activities;

2 or

3 (6) contracts out or privatizes any functions or

4 activities presently performed by Federal employees;

5 unless the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of

6 Health and Human Services (as the case may be) notifies

7 in writing and receives approval from the Committees on

8 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 30

9 days in advance of the reprogramming of such funds or

10 the use of such authority.

11 (b) None of the funds provided by this Act, or pro-

12 vided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies

13 funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or

14 expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from

15 any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of

16 fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be

17 available for obligation or expenditure for activities, pro-

18 grams, or projects through a reprogramming or use of the

19 authorities referred to in subsection (a) involving funds

20 in excess of \$500,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less,

21 that—

22 (1) augments existing programs, projects, or ac-

23 tivities;

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

4 (3) results from any general savings from a re-
5 duction in personnel which would result in a change
6 in existing programs, activities, or projects as ap-
7 proved by Congress;

8 unless the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of
9 Health and Human Services (as the case may be) notifies
10 in writing and receives approval from the Committees on
11 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 30
12 days in advance of the reprogramming or transfer of such
13 funds or the use of such authority.

14 (c) The Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of
15 Health and Human Services shall notify in writing and
16 receive approval from the Committees on Appropriations
17 of both Houses of Congress before implementing any pro-
18 gram or activity not carried out during the previous fiscal
19 year unless the program or activity is funded by this Act
20 or specifically funded by any other Act.

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

1 fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be
2 available for—

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

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

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

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

19 (e) As described in this section, no funds may be used
20 for any activities unless the Secretary of Agriculture or
21 the Secretary of Health and Human Services receives from
22 the Committee on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
23 gress written or electronic mail confirmation of receipt of
24 the notification as required in this section.

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, or the Farm Credit Ad-
10 ministration shall be used to transmit or otherwise make
11 available reports, questions, or responses to questions that
12 are a result of information requested for the appropria-
13 tions hearing process to any non-Department of Agri-
14 culture, non-Department of Health and Human Services,
15 or non-Farm Credit Administration employee.

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

24 SEC. 720. No employee of the Department of Agri-
25 culture may be detailed or assigned from an agency or

1 office funded by this Act or any other Act to any other
2 agency or office of the Department for more than 60 days
3 in a fiscal year unless the individual's employing agency
4 or office is fully reimbursed by the receiving agency or
5 office for the salary and expenses of the employee for the
6 period of assignment.

7 SEC. 721. Not later than 30 days after the date of
8 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, the
9 Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, and
10 the Chairman of the Farm Credit Administration shall
11 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House
12 of Representatives and the Senate a detailed obligation
13 plan delineated by program, project, and activity, as de-
14 fined in the report accompanying this Act, for all amounts
15 made available by this Act and prior appropriations Acts
16 that remain available for obligation, including appro-
17 priated user fees and loan authorizations: *Provided*, That
18 such obligation plan shall include breakdowns of estimated
19 obligations for each such program, project, or activity by
20 fiscal quarter, source appropriation, and the number of
21 full-time equivalent positions supported: *Provided further*,
22 That such obligation plan shall serve as the baseline for
23 reprogramming notifications for the purposes of section
24 716 of this Act.

1 SEC. 722. None of the funds made available by this
2 Act may be used to propose, promulgate, or implement
3 any rule, or take any other action with respect to, allowing
4 or requiring information intended for a prescribing health
5 care professional, in the case of a drug or biological prod-
6 uct subject to section 503(b)(1) of the Federal Food,
7 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 353(b)(1)), to be dis-
8 tributed to such professional electronically (in lieu of in
9 paper form) unless and until a Federal law is enacted to
10 allow or require such distribution.

11 SEC. 723. For the purposes of determining eligibility
12 or level of program assistance for Rural Housing Service
13 programs the Secretary shall not include incarcerated
14 prison populations.

15 SEC. 724. For loans and loan guarantees that do not
16 require budget authority and the program level has been
17 established in this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may
18 increase the program level for such loans and loan guaran-
19 tees by not more than 25 percent: *Provided*, That prior
20 to the Secretary implementing such an increase, the Sec-
21 retary notifies, in writing, the Committees on Appropria-
22 tions of both Houses of Congress at least 15 days in ad-
23 vance.

24 SEC. 725. None of the credit card refunds or rebates
25 transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to sec-

tion 729 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002 (7 U.S.C. 2235a; Public Law 107–76) shall be available for obligation without written notification to, and the prior approval of, the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided*, That the refunds or rebates so transferred shall be available for obligation only for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment, including equipment for the improvement, delivery, and implementation of Departmental financial management, information technology, and other support systems necessary for the delivery of financial, administrative, and information technology services, including cloud adoption and migration, of primary benefit to the agencies of the Department of Agriculture.

SEC. 726. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce the “variety” requirements of the final rule entitled “Enhancing Retailer Standards in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)” published by the Department of Agriculture in the Federal Register on December 15, 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 90675) until the Secretary of Agriculture amends the definition of the term “variety” as defined in section 278.1(b)(1)(ii)(C) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, and “variety” as applied in the definition

1 of the term “staple food” as defined in section 271.2 of
2 title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, to increase the num-
3 ber of items that qualify as acceptable varieties in each
4 staple food category so that the total number of such items
5 in each staple food category exceeds the number of such
6 items in each staple food category included in the final
7 rule as published on December 15, 2016: *Provided*, That
8 until the Secretary promulgates such regulatory amend-
9 ments, the Secretary shall apply the requirements regard-
10 ing acceptable varieties and breadth of stock to Supple-
11 mental Nutrition Assistance Program retailers that were
12 in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of
13 the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–79).

14 SEC. 727. In carrying out subsection (h) of section
15 502 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472), the
16 Secretary of Agriculture shall have the same authority
17 with respect to loans guaranteed under such section and
18 eligible lenders for such loans as the Secretary has under
19 subsections (h) and (j) of section 538 of such Act (42
20 U.S.C. 1490p–2) with respect to loans guaranteed under
21 such section 538 and eligible lenders for such loans.

22 SEC. 728. None of the funds appropriated or other-
23 wise made available by this Act shall be available for the
24 United States Department of Agriculture to propose, fi-
25 nalize or implement any regulation that would promulgate

1 new user fees pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9701 after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act.

3 SEC. 729. Notwithstanding any provision of law that
4 regulates the calculation and payment of overtime and hol-
5 iday pay for FSIS inspectors, the Secretary may charge
6 establishments subject to the inspection requirements of
7 the Poultry Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 451 et
8 seq., the Federal Meat Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 601 et
9 seq., and the Egg Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C.
10 1031 et seq., for the cost of inspection services provided
11 outside of an establishment's approved inspection shifts,
12 and for inspection services provided on Federal holidays:
13 *Provided*, That any sums charged pursuant to this para-
14 graph shall be deemed as overtime pay or holiday pay
15 under section 1001(d) of the American Rescue Plan Act
16 of 2021 (Public Law 117–2, 135 Stat. 242): *Provided fur-*
17 *ther*, That sums received by the Secretary under this para-
18 graph shall, in addition to other available funds, remain
19 available until expended to the Secretary without further
20 appropriation for the purpose of funding all costs associ-
21 ated with FSIS inspections.

22 SEC. 730. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture shall—
23 (1) conduct audits in a manner that evaluates
24 the following factors in the country or region being
25 audited, as applicable—

- 1 (A) veterinary control and oversight;
- 2 (B) disease history and vaccination prac-
- 3 tices;
- 4 (C) livestock demographics and
- 5 traceability;
- 6 (D) epidemiological separation from poten-
- 7 tial sources of infection;
- 8 (E) surveillance practices;
- 9 (F) diagnostic laboratory capabilities; and
- 10 (G) emergency preparedness and response;
- 11 and

12 (2) promptly make publicly available the final
 13 reports of any audits or reviews conducted pursuant
 14 to paragraph (1).

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

18 SEC. 731. (a)(1) No Federal funds made available for
 19 this fiscal year for the rural water, waste water, waste dis-
 20 posal, and solid waste management programs authorized
 21 by sections 306, 306A, 306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B of
 22 the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7
 23 U.S.C. 1926 et seq.) shall be used for a project for the
 24 construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public
 25 water or wastewater system unless all of the iron and steel

1 products used in the project are produced in the United
2 States.

3 (2) In this section, the term “iron and steel products”
4 means the following products made primarily of iron or
5 steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers
6 and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges,
7 pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, rein-
8 forced precast concrete, and construction materials.

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

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

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

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

21 (c) If the Secretary or the designee receives a request
22 for a waiver under this section, the Secretary or the des-
23 ignee shall make available to the public on an informal
24 basis a copy of the request and information available to
25 the Secretary or the designee concerning the request, and

1 shall allow for informal public input on the request for
2 at least 15 days prior to making a finding based on the
3 request. The Secretary or the designee shall make the re-
4 quest and accompanying information available by elec-
5 tronic means, including on the official public Internet Web
6 site of the Department.

7 (d) This section shall be applied in a manner con-
8 sistent with United States obligations under international
9 agreements.

10 (e) The Secretary may retain up to 0.25 percent of
11 the funds appropriated in this Act for “Rural Utilities
12 Service—Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Ac-
13 count” for carrying out the provisions described in sub-
14 section (a)(1) for management and oversight of the re-
15 quirements of this section.

16 (f) Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a
17 project for which the engineering plans and specifications
18 include use of iron and steel products otherwise prohibited
19 by such subsection if the plans and specifications have re-
20 ceived required approvals from State agencies prior to the
21 date of enactment of this Act.

22 (g) For purposes of this section, the terms “United
23 States” and “State” shall include each of the several
24 States, the District of Columbia, and each Federally rec-
25 ognized Indian Tribe.

1 SEC. 732. None of the funds appropriated by this Act
2 may be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence
3 congressional action on any legislation or appropriation
4 matters pending before Congress, other than to commu-
5 nicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C.
6 1913.

7 SEC. 733. Of the total amounts made available by
8 this Act for direct loans and grants under the following
9 headings: “Rural Housing Service—Rural Housing Insur-
10 ance Fund Program Account”; “Rural Housing Service—
11 Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants”; “Rural Housing
12 Service—Rural Housing Assistance Grants”; “Rural
13 Housing Service—Rural Community Facilities Program
14 Account”; “Rural Business—Cooperative Service—Rural
15 Business Program Account”; “Rural Business—Coopera-
16 tive Service—Rural Economic Development Loans Pro-
17 gram Account”; “Rural Business—Cooperative Service—
18 Rural Cooperative Development Grants”; “Rural Busi-
19 ness—Cooperative Service—Rural Microentrepreneur As-
20 sistance Program”; “Rural Utilities Service—Rural Water
21 and Waste Disposal Program Account”; “Rural Utilities
22 Service—Rural Electrification and Telecommunications
23 Loans Program Account”; and “Rural Utilities Service—
24 Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Pro-
25 gram”, to the maximum extent feasible, at least 10 per-

1 cent of the funds shall be allocated for assistance in per-
2 sistent poverty counties under this section, including, not-
3 withstanding any other provision regarding population
4 limits, any county seat of such a persistent poverty county
5 that has a population that does not exceed the authorized
6 population limit by more than 10 percent: *Provided*, That
7 for purposes of this section, the term “persistent poverty
8 counties” means any county that has had 20 percent or
9 more of its population living in poverty over the past 30
10 years, as measured by the Economic Research Service, or
11 any territory or possession of the United States: *Provided*
12 *further*, That with respect to specific activities for which
13 program levels have been made available by this Act that
14 are not supported by budget authority, the requirements
15 of this section shall be applied to such program level.

16 SEC. 734. None of the funds made available by this
17 Act may be used to notify a sponsor or otherwise acknowl-
18 edge receipt of a submission for an exemption for inves-
19 tigational use of a drug or biological product under section
20 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21
21 U.S.C. 355(i)) or section 351(a)(3) of the Public Health
22 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262(a)(3)) in research in which
23 a human embryo is intentionally created or modified to
24 include a heritable genetic modification. Any such submis-

1 sion shall be deemed to have not been received by the Sec-
2 retary, and the exemption may not go into effect.

3 SEC. 735. None of the funds made available by this
4 or any other Act may be used to enforce the final rule
5 promulgated by the Food and Drug Administration enti-
6 tled “Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing,
7 and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption”, and
8 published on November 27, 2015, with respect to the regu-
9 lation of entities that grow, harvest, pack, or hold wine
10 grapes, hops, pulse crops, or almonds.

11 SEC. 736. For school years 2025–2026 and 2026–
12 2027, none of the funds made available by this Act may
13 be used to restrict or limit the substitution of any vege-
14 table subgroup for fruits under the school breakfast pro-
15 gram established under section 4 of the Child Nutrition
16 Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773).

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

19 (1) in contravention of section 7606 of the Ag-
20 ricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 5940), subtitle G
21 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, or sec-
22 tion 10114 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of
23 2018; or

24 (2) to prohibit the transportation, processing,
25 sale, or use of hemp, or seeds of such plant, that is

1 grown or cultivated in accordance with section 7606
2 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 or subtitle G of the
3 Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, within or out-
4 side the State in which the hemp is grown or cul-
5 tivated.

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

10 SEC. 739. The Secretary of Agriculture shall be in-
11 cluded as a member of the Committee on Foreign Invest-
12 ment in the United States (CFIUS) on a case by case
13 basis pursuant to the authorities in section 721(k)(2)(J)
14 of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C.
15 4565(k)(2)(J)) with respect to each covered transaction
16 (as defined in section 721(a)(4) of the Defense Production
17 Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4565(a)(4))) involving agricultural
18 land, agriculture biotechnology, or the agriculture industry
19 (including agricultural transportation, agricultural stor-
20 age, and agricultural processing), as determined by the
21 CFIUS Chairperson in coordination with the Secretary of
22 Agriculture. The Secretary of Agriculture shall, to the
23 maximum extent practicable, notify the Committee on
24 Foreign Investment in the United States of any agricul-
25 tural land transaction that the Secretary of Agriculture

1 has reason to believe, based on information from or in co-
2 operation with the Intelligence Community, is a covered
3 transaction (A) that may pose a risk to the national secu-
4 rity of the United States, with particular emphasis on cov-
5 ered transactions of an interest in agricultural land by for-
6 eign governments or entities of concern, as defined in 42
7 U.S.C. 19221(a), including the People's Republic of
8 China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the
9 Russian Federation, and the Islamic Republic of Iran; and
10 (B) with respect to which a person is required to submit
11 a report to the Secretary of Agriculture under section 2(a)
12 of the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of
13 1978 (7 U.S.C. 3501(a)).

14 SEC. 740. There is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000,
15 to remain available until expended, for a pilot program
16 for the Secretary to provide grants to qualified non-profit
17 organizations and public housing authorities to provide
18 technical assistance, including financial and legal services,
19 to RHS multi-family housing borrowers to facilitate prop-
20 erty preservation through the acquisition of RHS multi-
21 family housing properties in areas where the Secretary de-
22 termines a risk of loss of affordable housing, by non-profit
23 housing organizations and public housing authorities as
24 authorized by law that commit to keep such properties in
25 the RHS multi-family housing program for a period of

1 time as determined by the Secretary: *Provided*, That such
2 funds may also be used for technical assistance for non-
3 profit organizations, public housing authorities, and pri-
4 vate owners for the decoupling of rental assistance.

5 SEC. 741. Funds made available under title II of the
6 Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.) may only be
7 used to provide assistance to recipient nations if adequate
8 monitoring and controls, as determined by the Adminis-
9 trator, are in place to ensure that emergency food aid is
10 received by the intended beneficiaries in areas affected by
11 food shortages and not diverted for unauthorized or inap-
12 propriate purposes.

13 SEC. 742. None of the funds made available by this
14 Act may be used to procure raw or processed poultry prod-
15 ucts or seafood imported into the United States from the
16 People's Republic of China for use in the school lunch pro-
17 gram under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch
18 Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), the Child and Adult Care
19 Food Program under section 17 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
20 1766), the Summer Food Service Program for Children
21 under section 13 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1761), or the
22 school breakfast program under the Child Nutrition Act
23 of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.).

24 SEC. 743. For school year 2025–2026, only a school
25 food authority that had a negative balance in the nonprofit

1 school food service account as of June 30, 2025, shall be
2 required to establish a price for paid lunches in accordance
3 with section 12(p) of the Richard B. Russell National
4 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(p)).

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

13 SEC. 745. Notwithstanding any other provision of
14 law, no funds available to the Department of Agriculture
15 may be used to move any staff office or any agency from
16 the mission area in which it was located on August 1,
17 2018, to any other mission area or office within the De-
18 partment in the absence of the enactment of specific legis-
19 lation affirming such move.

20 SEC. 746. The Secretary, acting through the Chief
21 of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, may use
22 funds appropriated under this Act or any other Act for
23 the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program
24 and the Watershed Rehabilitation Program carried out
25 pursuant to the Watershed Protection and Flood Preven-

tion Act (16 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), and for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program carried out pursuant to section 403 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2203) to provide technical services for such programs pursuant to section 1252(a)(1) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3851(a)(1)), notwithstanding subsection (c) of such section.

SEC. 747. In administering the pilot program established by section 779 of division A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141), the Secretary of Agriculture may, for purposes of determining entities eligible to receive assistance, consider those communities which are “Areas Rural in Character”: *Provided*, That not more than 10 percent of the funds made available under the heading “Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program” for the purposes of the pilot program established by section 779 of Public Law 115–141 may be used for this purpose.

SEC. 748. In addition to amounts otherwise made available by this Act and notwithstanding the last sentence of 16 U.S.C. 1310, there is appropriated \$2,000,000, to remain available until expended, to implement non-renewable agreements on eligible lands, including flooded agricultural lands, as determined by the Secretary, under the Water Bank Act (16 U.S.C. 1301–1311).

1 SEC. 749. Out of amounts appropriated to the Food
2 and Drug Administration under title VI, the Secretary of
3 Health and Human Services, acting through the Commis-
4 sioner of Food and Drugs, shall, not later than September
5 30, 2026, and following the review required under Execu-
6 tive Order No. 12866 (5 U.S.C. 601 note; relating to regu-
7 latory planning and review), issue advice revising the ad-
8 vice provided in the notice of availability entitled “Advice
9 About Eating Fish, From the Environmental Protection
10 Agency and Food and Drug Administration; Revised Fish
11 Advice; Availability” (82 Fed. Reg. 6571 (January 19,
12 2017)), in a manner that is consistent with nutrition
13 science recognized by the Food and Drug Administration
14 on the net effects of seafood consumption.

15 SEC. 750. The Secretary shall set aside for Rural
16 Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zones, until August
17 15, 2026, an amount of funds made available in title III
18 under the headings of Rural Housing Insurance Fund
19 Program Account, Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants,
20 Rural Housing Assistance Grants, Rural Community Fa-
21 cilities Program Account, Rural Business Program Ac-
22 count, Rural Development Loan Fund Program Account,
23 and Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Account,
24 equal to the amount obligated in REAP Zones with re-
25 spect to funds provided under such headings in the most

1 recent fiscal year any such funds were obligated under
2 such headings for REAP Zones, excluding the funding
3 provided through any Community Project Funding/Con-
4 gressionally Directed Spending.

5 SEC. 751. (a) For an additional amount for the Office
6 of the Secretary, \$2,000,000, to remain available until ex-
7 pended, for the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out no
8 more than 10 pilot projects, under the terms and condi-
9 tions determined by the Secretary for a period not to ex-
10 ceed 2 years, that award grants to an Indian tribe; a tribal
11 organization approved by an Indian tribe; a tribal edu-
12 cational agency; a consortium of Indian tribes; or a part-
13 nership between an Indian tribe and either a State edu-
14 cational agency, a local educational agency, a tribal edu-
15 cational agency, or the Bureau of Indian Education to op-
16 erate and implement the school lunch program as author-
17 ized by the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act
18 (42 U.S.C. 1769), the summer food service program as
19 established under section 13 of the Richard B. Russell Na-
20 tional School Lunch Act, the child and adult care food
21 program as established by section 17 of the Richard B.
22 Russell National School Lunch Act, or the school break-
23 fast program established by the Child Nutrition Act of
24 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773) in either a Bureau-funded school
25 (as defined in section 1141 of the Education Amendments

1 of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 2021)); a school (as defined in section
 2 12(d) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch
 3 Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(d)) on or near an Indian reservation;
 4 or an early child care and education facility: *Provided*,
 5 That to carry out this pilot program each grant awarded
 6 shall be no less than \$10,000 and no more than \$100,000
 7 for each school year and shall not increase state adminis-
 8 trative costs or the amount of benefits provided in any
 9 program: *Provided further*, That the term “Indian tribe”
 10 has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian
 11 Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25
 12 U.S.C. 5304).

13 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a
 14 pilot project grant recipient shall be reimbursed for meals
 15 served under the school lunch program, the summer food
 16 service program, and the child and adult care food pro-
 17 gram as if the recipient were a State under the Richard
 18 B. Russell National School Lunch Act; and under the
 19 school breakfast program as if the recipient were a State
 20 educational agency.

21 (c) Not later than 1 year after the conclusion of the
 22 pilot program, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a
 23 report on the outcomes of the pilot program.

24 SEC. 752. None of the funds appropriated or other-
 25 wise made available by this Act may be used by the Food

1 and Drug Administration (FDA) to issue or promote any
2 new guidelines or regulations applicable to food manufac-
3 turers of low risk ready-to-eat (RTE) foods for *Listeria*
4 *monocytogenes* (Lm) until the FDA considers the avail-
5 able new science in developing guidance regarding Lm in
6 low-risk foods, meaning foods that do not support the
7 growth of Lm.

8 SEC. 753. There is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000,
9 to remain available until September 30, 2027, for a Bison
10 Production and Marketing Grant Program that the Agri-
11 cultural Marketing Service shall develop and maintain:
12 *Provided*, That this program shall be similar, as deter-
13 mined by the Secretary, to the Sheep Production and Mar-
14 keting Grant Program the Department of Agriculture cur-
15 rently maintains pursuant to section 209(c) of the Agricul-
16 tural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1627a(c)), and
17 shall prioritize grants to national non-profits and federally
18 chartered Tribal organizations that have expertise in bison
19 production or marketing.

20 SEC. 754. For an additional amount for the Office
21 of the Secretary, \$700,000, for the Office of Tribal Rela-
22 tions to cover costs incurred for the slaughtering, proc-
23 essing, and voluntary meat inspection fees, notwith-
24 standing the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7
25 U.S.C. 1622 et seq.) and 9 CFR part 352, for bison owned

1 by Tribal governments (as defined by the List Act of 1994
2 (25 U.S.C. 5131)), Tribal entities (including Tribal orga-
3 nizations and corporations), and Tribal members that
4 slaughter and process bison at establishments that receive
5 USDA voluntary inspection or state inspection.

6 SEC. 755. If services performed by APHIS employees
7 are determined by the Administrator of the Animal and
8 Plant Health Inspection Service to be in response to an
9 animal disease or plant health emergency outbreak, any
10 premium pay that is funded, either directly or through re-
11 imbursement, shall be exempted from the aggregate of
12 basic pay and premium pay calculated under section
13 5547(b)(1) and (2) of title 5, United States Code, and
14 any other provision of law limiting the aggregate amount
15 of premium pay payable on a biweekly or calendar year
16 basis.

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

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

22 (2) to inspect horses under section 903 of the
23 Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of
24 1996 (7 U.S.C. 1901 note; Public Law 104–127); or

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

4 SEC. 757. There is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000,
5 to remain available until expended, to carry out section
6 2103 of Public Law 115–334: *Provided*, That the Sec-
7 retary shall prioritize the wetland compliance needs of
8 areas with significant numbers of individual wetlands, wet-
9 land acres, and conservation compliance requests.

10 SEC. 758. There is appropriated \$3,000,000 for the
11 emergency and transitional pet shelter and housing assist-
12 ance grant program established under section 12502(b) of
13 the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (34 U.S.C.
14 20127).

15 SEC. 759. The National Academies of Sciences, Engi-
16 neering and Medicine (NASEM) were tasked with pro-
17 viding findings and recommendations on alcohol consump-
18 tion for the purposes of inclusion in the 2025 Dietary
19 Guidelines for Americans as required by section 772 of
20 division A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023
21 (Public Law 117–328): *Provided*, That the Secretary of
22 Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Agri-
23 culture shall only consider the findings and recommenda-
24 tions of the NASEM report in the development of the
25 2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and further, both

1 Secretaries shall ensure that the alcohol consumption rec-
2 ommendations in the 2025 Dietary Guidelines for Ameri-
3 cans shall be based on the preponderance of scientific and
4 medical knowledge consistent with section 5341 of title 7
5 of United States Code.

6 SEC. 760. (a) Section 313B(a) of the Rural Elec-
7 trification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 940c–2(a)), shall be ap-
8 plied for fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter
9 until the specified funding has been expended as if the
10 following were inserted after the final period: “In addition,
11 the Secretary shall use \$9,465,000 of the funds available
12 to carry out this section in fiscal year 2024 for an addi-
13 tional amount for the same purpose and under the same
14 terms and conditions as the Rural Business Development
15 Grants authorized by section 310B of the Consolidated
16 Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(c)) and
17 shall use \$9,953,000 of the funds available to carry out
18 this section in fiscal year 2026 for an additional amount
19 for the same purpose and under the same terms and condi-
20 tions as the Rural Business Development Grants author-
21 ized by section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
22 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(c)).”.

23 (b) Section 780 of division B of Public Law 118–42
24 and such section as continued in effect as an authority

1 and condition under section 1101(a)(1) of Public Law
2 119–4 shall no longer apply.

3 SEC. 761. Notwithstanding any other provision of
4 law, the acceptable market name of any engineered animal
5 approved prior to the effective date of the National Bio-
6 engineered Food Disclosure Standard (February 19,
7 2019) shall include the words “genetically engineered”
8 prior to the existing acceptable market name.

9 SEC. 762. For an additional amount for the Office
10 of the Secretary, \$6,000,000, to remain available until ex-
11 pended, to continue the Institute for Rural Partnerships
12 as established in section 778 of Public Law 117–103: *Pro-*
13 *vided*, That the Institute for Rural Partnerships shall con-
14 tinue to dedicate resources to researching the causes and
15 conditions of challenges facing rural areas, and develop
16 community partnerships to address such challenges: *Pro-*
17 *vided further*, That administrative or other fees shall not
18 exceed one percent: *Provided further*, That such partner-
19 ship shall coordinate and publish an annual report.

20 SEC. 763. There is hereby appropriated \$500,000 to
21 carry out the duties of the working group established
22 under section 770 of the Agriculture, Rural Development,
23 Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Ap-
24 propriations Act, 2019 (Public Law 116–6; 133 Stat. 89).

1 SEC. 764. The agencies and offices of the Depart-
 2 ment of Agriculture may reimburse the Office of the Gen-
 3 eral Counsel (OGC), out of the funds provided in this Act,
 4 for costs incurred by OGC in providing services to such
 5 agencies or offices under time-limited agreements entered
 6 into with such agencies and offices: *Provided*, That such
 7 transfer authority is in addition to any other transfer au-
 8 thority provided by law.

9 SEC. 765. Section 363 of the Multifamily Mortgage
 10 Foreclosure Act of 1981 (12 U.S.C. 3702) is amended at
 11 paragraph (2)—

12 (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and”;

13 (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period
 14 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

15 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the fol-
 16 lowing:

17 “(F) section 514 or 515 of the Housing
 18 Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1485).”.

19 SEC. 766. The last proviso in the second paragraph
 20 under the heading “Rural Community Facilities Program
 21 Account” in division B of the Consolidated Appropriations
 22 Act, 2024 (Public Law 118–42) shall be amended to read
 23 as follows: “*Provided further*, That in addition to any other
 24 available funds, the Secretary may expend not more than
 25 \$1,000,000 total, from the program funds made available

1 under this heading, for administrative expenses for activi-
2 ties funded under this heading and in section 778(1).”.

3 SEC. 767. Of the unobligated balances from prior
4 year appropriations made available for conservation activi-
5 ties under the heading “Natural Resources Conservation
6 Service—Conservation Operations”, \$30,000,000 are
7 hereby rescinded: *Provided*, That no amounts may be re-
8 scinded from amounts that were designated by the Con-
9 gress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concur-
10 rent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and
11 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

12 SEC. 768. Of the unobligated balances from prior
13 year appropriations made available for the “National In-
14 stitute of Food and Agriculture—Research and Education
15 Activities”, \$22,000,000 are hereby rescinded: *Provided*,
16 That no amounts may be rescinded from amounts that
17 were designated by the Congress as an emergency require-
18 ment pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget
19 or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control
20 Act of 1985.

21 SEC. 769. Of the unobligated balances from prior
22 year appropriations made available for “Food For Peace
23 Title II Grants”, \$200,000,000 are hereby rescinded: *Pro-*
24 *vided*, That no amounts may be rescinded from amounts
25 that were designated by the Congress as an emergency re-

1 quirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the
2 budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit
3 Control Act of 1985.

4 SEC. 770. Of the unobligated balances from prior
5 year appropriations made available under the heading
6 “Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Pro-
7 gram” for the cost to continue a broadband loan and grant
8 pilot program established by section 779 of division A of
9 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law
10 115–141) under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as
11 amended (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), \$20,000,000 are hereby
12 rescinded: *Provided*, That no amounts may be rescinded
13 from amounts that were designated by the Congress as
14 an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent reso-
15 lution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-
16 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

17 SEC. 771. Of the unobligated balances from prior
18 year appropriations made available in the “Working Cap-
19 ital Fund”, \$78,000,000 are hereby permanently re-
20 scinded: *Provided*, That no amounts may be rescinded
21 from amounts that were designated by the Congress as
22 an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent reso-
23 lution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-
24 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 SEC. 772. None of the funds made available to the
2 Department of Agriculture in this or any other Act may
3 be used to close or consolidate the resources or locations
4 of any existing Agricultural Research Service laboratories
5 and facilities without prior notification and approval of the
6 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
7 gress.

8 SEC. 773. (a) Of the amounts made available in this
9 Act under the heading “Department of Health and
10 Human Services—Food and Drug Administration—Sala-
11 ries and Expenses” that are derived from tobacco product
12 user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 387s, not less than
13 \$200,000,000 shall be used by the Commissioner of Food
14 and Drugs for enforcement activities related to e-ciga-
15 rettes, vapes, and other electronic nicotine delivery sys-
16 tems (in this section referred to as “ENDS”), including
17 activities under section 801(a) of the Federal Food, Drug,
18 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 381(a)): *Provided*, That not
19 less than \$2,000,000 of such amount shall be used to con-
20 tinue the activities of the Federal multi-agency task force
21 led by the Department of Justice, Department of Home-
22 land Security, and the FDA to further work to bring all
23 available criminal and civil tools to bear against the illegal
24 manufacture, importation, distribution, and sale of e-ciga-

1 rettes, vapes, and other ENDS products from the Republic
2 of China and other foreign countries.

3 (b) Not later than 365 days after the date of enact-
4 ment of this Act, the Commissioner of Food and Drugs
5 shall update the FDA document titled “Guidance for In-
6 dustry on its Enforcement Priorities,” published in Janu-
7 ary 2020 and updated in April 2020, to expand FDA’s
8 prioritized enforcement to flavored disposable ENDS
9 products in addition to cartridge-based products and to
10 define the term “disposable ENDS product.”

11 (c) The Commissioner of Food and Drugs shall sub-
12 mit a semi-annual written report to the Committees on
13 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the
14 progress that the Center for Tobacco Products is making
15 in removing all illegal nicotine products from the market:
16 *Provided*, That the initial report shall be submitted not
17 later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this
18 Act.

19 (d) Section 801(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and
20 Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 381(a)) is amended by striking
21 “drug or device” each place it appears in the seventh,
22 eighth, ninth, and tenth sentences and inserting “drug,
23 device, or tobacco product”.

24 SEC. 774. (a) Fees derived from amounts assessed
25 and collected for fiscal year 2026, credited under the head-

1 ing “Department of Health and Human Services—Food
 2 and Drug Administration—Salaries and Expenses”, and
 3 made available for expenditure under such heading must
 4 comply with each provision contained in current user fee
 5 authorizations, appropriations Acts, and commitment let-
 6 ters, as transmitted from the Secretary of Health and
 7 Human Services to the chair and ranking member of the
 8 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of
 9 the Senate and the chair and ranking member of the Com-
 10 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-
 11 resentatives regarding reauthorization of such current
 12 user fee authorizations: *Provided*, That the term current
 13 user fee authorizations means those user fees authorized
 14 at 21 U.S.C. 379h, 21 U.S.C. 379j, 21 U.S.C. 379j–42,
 15 21 U.S.C. 379j–52, 21 U.S.C. 379j–12, 21 U.S.C. 379j–
 16 21, 21 U.S.C. 387s, 42 U.S.C. 263b, 21 U.S.C. 381, 21
 17 U.S.C. 360n and 360ff, 21 U.S.C. 379–j31, 21 U.S.C.
 18 379j–62 , 21 U.S.C. 353(e)(3), 21 U.S.C. 360eee–3(c)(1),
 19 21 U.S.C. 384d(c)(8), 21 U.S.C. 360bbb–4a, and 21
 20 U.S.C. 379j–72.

21 (b)(1) Not later than 90 days after the date of enact-
 22 ment of this Act, the Food and Drug Administration shall
 23 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House
 24 of Representatives and the Senate a report that includes
 25 obligation and outlay estimates and full-time equivalent

1 (FTE) personnel staffing estimates for fiscal year 2026
2 for each Food and Drug Administration program that
3 uses both general fund appropriations and funds derived
4 from user fees: *Provided*, That such report shall include
5 a table with separate columns for general fund appropria-
6 tions and funds derived from user fees for such obliga-
7 tions, outlays and FTE personnel staffing: *Provided fur-*
8 *ther*, That such report shall be certified by the Ombuds-
9 man of the Food and Drug Administration.

10 (2) The report in paragraph (1) shall be updated, cer-
11 tified by the Ombudsman of the Food and Drug Adminis-
12 tration, and submitted to the Committees on Appropria-
13 tions of the House of Representatives and the Senate not
14 later than 45 days after each fiscal quarter until all such
15 funds are expended: *Provided*, That a plan for such ongo-
16 ing quarterly reporting shall be submitted with the report
17 required by subsection (b)(1).

18 (c) Of the amounts provided in this Act in paragraph
19 (10) under the heading “Department of Health and
20 Human Services—Food and Drug Administration—Sala-
21 ries and Expenses” and made available by the Food and
22 Drug Administration for Office of the Commissioner of
23 Food and Drugs, 50 percent shall be withheld from obliga-
24 tion until the reporting requirements outlined in sub-
25 section (b) are met: *Provided*, That an additional 25 per-

1 cent of the amounts withheld from obligation shall be
2 available when the report required by subsection (b)(1) is
3 submitted and the remaining 25 percent shall be available
4 when the plan for satisfying the ongoing quarterly report-
5 ing requirements outlined in the proviso in subsection
6 (b)(2) is submitted.

7 SEC. 775. (a) Section 260 of the Agricultural Mar-
8 keting Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1636i) is amended by strik-
9 ing “2025” and inserting “2026”.

10 (b) Section 942 of the Livestock Mandatory Report-
11 ing Act of 1999 (7 U.S.C. 1635 note; Public Law 106–
12 78) is amended by striking “2025” and inserting “2026”.

13 SEC. 776. None of the funds appropriated or other-
14 wise made available by this Act may be used by FDA to
15 develop, issue, promote, or advance any new guidelines or
16 regulations applicable to food manufacturers for popu-
17 lation-wide sodium reduction actions until the publication
18 of the 2025–26 National Health and Nutrition Examina-
19 tion Survey (NHANES) What We Eat In America survey,
20 which will begin to reflect the impact on population intake
21 of Phase 1 reduction.

22 SEC. 777. The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide
23 written notification to the House and Senate Committees
24 on Appropriations no fewer than 3 business days in ad-
25 vance of termination of any grant, cooperative agreement,

1 or contract award totaling \$1,000,000 or more issued
2 from funds made available in this Act or any previous Act:
3 *Provided*, That such notification shall include the recipient
4 of the award, the amount of the award, the fiscal year
5 for which the funds for the award were appropriated, the
6 account and program, project, or activity from which the
7 funds are being drawn, the title of the award, and a de-
8 tailed justification for the termination.

9 SEC. 778. There is hereby appropriated \$4,000,000,
10 to remain available until expended, for the Secretary of
11 Agriculture to conduct a new pilot program to support on-
12 the-ground local Energy Circuit Riders who provide pro-
13 fessional support to rural communities for the purpose of
14 undertaking projects that save energy and reduce emis-
15 sions: *Provided*, That for the purpose of the new pilot pro-
16 gram, the Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary
17 for Rural Development, shall have the authority to provide
18 amounts, including in the form of grants, cooperative
19 agreements, and other financial assistance, to States, In-
20 dian Tribes, cooperative extension services, institutions of
21 higher education, cooperatives and cooperative organiza-
22 tions, regional planning commissions or other public enti-
23 ties serving two or more rural areas: *Provided further*,
24 That the period of performance under this pilot program
25 shall be more than 3 but not more than 6 years: *Provided*

1 *further*, That the Federal share shall not be more than
 2 75 percent: *Provided further*, That an eligible entity using
 3 funds provided under the pilot program shall offer assist-
 4 ance with energy planning, energy audits, applicable Fed-
 5 eral funding opportunities, tax incentives, project financ-
 6 ing, grant writing, community-based capacity building, or
 7 applicable State, local, and utility-based incentives, includ-
 8 ing, as appropriate, coordinating with relevant State en-
 9 ergy offices.

10 SEC. 779. For purposes of applying the Federal Food
 11 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.), “Pacific
 12 Snapper” is an acceptable market name for each of the
 13 following food fishes: *Sebastes alutus*, *Sebastes borealis*,
 14 *Sebastes ciliatus*, *Sebastes crameri*, *Sebastes entomelas*,
 15 *Sebastes flavidus*, *Sebastes goodei*, *Sebastes levis*,
 16 *Sebastes melanops*, *Sebastes miniatus*, *Sebastes ovalis*,
 17 *Sebastes paucispinis*, *Sebastes pinniger*, *Sebastes proriger*,
 18 *Sebastes reedi*, *Sebastes ruberrimus*, *Sebastes rufus*, and
 19 *Sebastes serranoides*.

20 SEC. 780. For purposes of applying the Federal Food
 21 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.), Hawaii
 22 grown or produced coffee shall contain at least 51 percent
 23 of coffee grown in Kona, Kau, Maui, Oahu, Kauai, or
 24 other areas of the State of Hawaii. Based on the region
 25 it is produced or grown, the common or usual names shall

1 be Kona Coffee, Kau Coffee, Maui Coffee, Oahu Coffee,
2 Kauai Coffee, or Hawaii Coffee.

3 SEC. 781. (a) No sooner than 1 year after the enact-
4 ment of this Act, section 297A of the Agricultural Mar-
5 keting Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1639o) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through
7 (6) as paragraphs (4) through (8), respectively;
8 and—

9 (2) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the
10 following:

11 “(1) HEMP.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘hemp’
13 means the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. and any
14 part of that plant, including the seeds thereof
15 and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, iso-
16 mers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether
17 growing or not, with a total
18 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration (including
19 tetrahydrocannabinolic acid) of not more than
20 0.3 percent in the plant on a dry weight basis.

21 “(B) INCLUSION.—Such term includes in-
22 dustrial hemp.

23 “(C) EXCLUSIONS.—Such term does not
24 include—

1 “(i) any viable seeds from a Cannabis
2 sativa L. plant that exceeds a total
3 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration (in-
4 cluding tetrahydrocannabinolic acid) of 0.3
5 percent in the plant on a dry weight basis;
6 or

7 “(ii) any hemp-derived cannabinoid
8 products containing—

9 “(I) cannabinoids that are not
10 capable of being naturally produced
11 by a Cannabis sativa L. plant;

12 “(II) cannabinoids that—

13 “(aa) are capable of being
14 naturally produced by a Cannabis
15 sativa L. plant; and

16 “(bb) were synthesized or
17 manufactured outside the plant;
18 or

19 “(III) quantifiable amounts
20 based on substance, form, manufac-
21 ture, or article (as determined by the
22 Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
23 ices in consultation with the Secretary
24 of Agriculture) of—

1 “(aa) tetrahydrocannabinol
2 (including tetrahydrocannabinolic
3 acid); or

4 “(bb) any other
5 cannabinoids that have similar
6 effects (or are marketed to have
7 similar effects) on humans or
8 animals as tetrahydrocannabinol
9 (as determined by the Secretary
10 of Health and Human Services in
11 consultation with the Secretary
12 Agriculture).

13 “(2) INDUSTRIAL HEMP.—The term ‘industrial
14 hemp’ means hemp—

15 “(A) grown for the use of the stalk of the
16 plant, fiber produced from such a stalk, or any
17 other non-cannabinoid derivative, mixture, prep-
18 aration, or manufacture of such a stalk;

19 “(B) grown for the use of the whole grain,
20 oil, cake, nut, hull, or any other noncannabinoid
21 compound, derivative, mixture, preparation, or
22 manufacture of the seeds of such plant;

23 “(C) grown for purposes of producing
24 microgreens or other edible hemp leaf products
25 intended for human consumption that are har-

1 vested from an immature hemp plant that is
 2 grown from seeds that do not exceed the
 3 threshold for total tetrahydrocannabinol con-
 4 centration specified in paragraph (1)(C)(i);

5 “(D) that is a plant that does not enter
 6 the stream of commerce and is intended to sup-
 7 port hemp research at an institution of higher
 8 education (as defined in section 101 of the
 9 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
 10 1001)) or an independent research institute; or

11 “(E) grown for the use of a viable seed of
 12 the plant produced solely for the production or
 13 manufacture of any material described in sub-
 14 paragraphs (A) through (D).

15 “(3) HEMP-DERIVED CANNABINOID PROD-
 16 UCT.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘hemp-de-
 18 rived cannabinoid product’ means any inter-
 19 mediate or final product derived from hemp
 20 (other than industrial hemp), that—

21 “(i) contains cannabinoids in any
 22 form; and

23 “(ii) is intended for human or animal
 24 use through any means of application or

1 administration, such as inhalation, inges-
2 tion, or topical application.

3 “(B) EXCLUSION.—Such term does not in-
4 clude a drug that is the subject of an applica-
5 tion approved under subsection (c) or (j) of sec-
6 tion 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
7 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 355).”.

8 (b) The Commissioner of Food and Drugs and the
9 Secretary of Agriculture shall provide a report to the Com-
10 mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
11 within 180 days of enactment of this Act on implementa-
12 tion of this section including the projected impacts to the
13 established cannabinoid marketplace, engagement with in-
14 dustry stakeholders, and shall include information about
15 uniform packaging, labeling, testing, and adverse event re-
16 porting requirements.

17 SEC. 782. None of the funds made available for any
18 department or agency in this or any other appropriations
19 Acts, including prior year Acts, shall be used to close Nat-
20 ural Resources Conservation Service or Rural Develop-
21 ment mission area field offices or to permanently relocate
22 any field-based employees of those agencies that would re-
23 sult in an office with two or fewer employees without prior
24 notification and approval of the Committees on Appropria-
25 tions of both Houses of Congress.

1 This Act may be cited as the “Agriculture, Rural De-
2 velopment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related
3 Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026”.

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