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Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 2023

Mr. HARRIS, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following bill; which was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

1 security, repairs and alterations, and other miscellaneous
2 supplies and expenses not otherwise provided for and nec-
3 essary for the practical and efficient work of the Depart-
4 ment: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to
5 an agency in the Administration mission area for salaries
6 and expenses are available to fund up to one administra-
7 tive support staff for the Office; and not to exceed
8 \$3,869,000 shall be available for the Office of Assistant
9 Secretary for Congressional Relations and Intergovern-
10 mental Affairs to carry out the programs funded by this
11 Act, including programs involving intergovernmental af-
12 fairs and liaison within the executive branch: *Provided fur-*
13 *ther*, That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to
14 transfer funds appropriated for any office of the Office
15 of the Secretary to any other office of the Office of the
16 Secretary: *Provided further*, That no appropriation for any
17 office shall be increased or decreased by more than 5 per-
18 cent: *Provided further*, That the amount made available
19 under this heading for Departmental Administration shall
20 be reimbursed from applicable appropriations in this Act
21 for travel expenses incident to the holding of hearings as
22 required by 5 U.S.C. 551–558: *Provided further*, That
23 funds made available under this heading for the Office of
24 the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations and
25 Intergovernmental Affairs shall be transferred to agencies

1 of the Department of Agriculture funded by this Act to
2 maintain personnel at the agency level: *Provided further,*
3 That no funds made available under this heading for the
4 Office of Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations
5 may be obligated after 30 days from the date of enactment
6 of this Act, unless the Secretary has notified the Commit-
7 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the
8 allocation of these funds by USDA agency: *Provided fur-*
9 *ther,* That during any 30 day notification period ref-
10 erenced in section 716 of this Act, the Secretary of Agri-
11 culture shall take no action to begin implementation of
12 the action that is subject to section 716 of this Act or
13 make any public announcement of such action in any
14 form.

15 EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

16 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ECONOMIST

17 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief
18 Economist, \$29,181,000, of which \$8,000,000 shall be for
19 grants or cooperative agreements for policy research under
20 7 U.S.C. 3155: *Provided,* That of the amounts made avail-
21 able under this heading, \$500,000 shall be available to
22 carry out section 224 of subtitle A of the Department of
23 Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6924),
24 as amended by section 12504 of Public Law 115–334.

1 OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

2 For necessary expenses of the Office of Hearings and
3 Appeals, \$16,173,000.

4 OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of Budget and
6 Program Analysis, \$11,337,000.

7 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

8 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief In-
9 formation Officer, \$79,442,000, of which not less than
10 \$66,731,000 is for cybersecurity requirements of the de-
11 partment.

12 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

13 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Fi-
14 nancial Officer, \$7,118,000.

15 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CIVIL

16 RIGHTS

17 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Assistant
18 Secretary for Civil Rights, \$901,000: *Provided*, That
19 funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Civil
20 Rights mission area for salaries and expenses are available
21 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-
22 fice.

23 OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

24 For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights,
25 \$22,789,000.

1 OFFICE OF SAFETY, SECURITY, AND PROTECTION

2 For necessary expenses of the Office of Safety, Secu-
3 rity, and Protection, \$18,800,000.

4 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
6 General, including employment pursuant to the Inspector
7 General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–452; 5 U.S.C. App.),
8 \$109,561,000, including such sums as may be necessary
9 for contracting and other arrangements with public agen-
10 cies and private persons pursuant to section 6(a)(9) of the
11 Inspector General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–452; 5
12 U.S.C. App.), and including not to exceed \$125,000 for
13 certain confidential operational expenses, including the
14 payment of informants, to be expended under the direction
15 of the Inspector General pursuant to the Inspector Gen-
16 eral Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–452; 5 U.S.C. App.) and
17 section 1337 of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981
18 (Public Law 97–98).

19 OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

20 For necessary expenses of the Office of the General
21 Counsel, \$44,408,000.

22 OFFICE OF ETHICS

23 For necessary expenses of the Office of Ethics,
24 \$4,277,000.

1 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH,
2 EDUCATION, AND ECONOMICS

3 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
4 Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics,
5 \$1,800,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
6 Act to an agency in the Research, Education, and Eco-
7 nomics mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-
8 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for
9 the Office: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made
10 available under this heading, \$1,000,000 shall be made
11 available for the Office of the Chief Scientist.

12 ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE

13 For necessary expenses of the Economic Research
14 Service, \$90,612,000.

15 NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

16 For necessary expenses of the National Agricultural
17 Statistics Service, \$187,513,000, of which up to
18 \$46,850,000 shall be available until expended for the Cen-
19 sus of Agriculture: *Provided*, That amounts made available
20 for the Census of Agriculture may be used to conduct Cur-
21 rent Industrial Report surveys subject to 7 U.S.C.
22 2204g(d) and (f).

1 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

3 For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Research
4 Service and for acquisition of lands by donation, exchange,
5 or purchase at a nominal cost not to exceed \$100,000 and
6 with prior notification and approval of the Committees on
7 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, and for land
8 exchanges where the lands exchanged shall be of equal
9 value or shall be equalized by a payment of money to the
10 grantor which shall not exceed 25 percent of the total
11 value of the land or interests transferred out of Federal
12 ownership, \$1,745,542,000: *Provided*, That appropriations
13 hereunder shall be available for the operation and mainte-
14 nance of aircraft and the purchase of not to exceed one
15 for replacement only: *Provided further*, That appropria-
16 tions hereunder shall be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C.
17 2250 for the construction, alteration, and repair of build-
18 ings and improvements, but unless otherwise provided, the
19 cost of constructing any one building shall not exceed
20 \$500,000, except for headhouses or greenhouses which
21 shall each be limited to \$1,800,000, except for 10 build-
22 ings to be constructed or improved at a cost not to exceed
23 \$1,100,000 each, and except for four buildings to be con-
24 structed at a cost not to exceed \$5,000,000 each, and the
25 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year

1 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement
2 value of the building or \$500,000, whichever is greater:
3 *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder shall be
4 available for entering into lease agreements at any Agri-
5 cultural Research Service location for the construction of
6 a research facility by a non-Federal entity for use by the
7 Agricultural Research Service and a condition of the lease
8 shall be that any facility shall be owned, operated, and
9 maintained by the non-Federal entity and shall be re-
10 moved upon the expiration or termination of the lease
11 agreement: *Provided further*, That the limitations on alter-
12 ations contained in this Act shall not apply to moderniza-
13 tion or replacement of existing facilities at Beltsville,
14 Maryland: *Provided further*, That appropriations here-
15 under shall be available for granting easements at the
16 Beltsville Agricultural Research Center: *Provided further*,
17 That the foregoing limitations shall not apply to replace-
18 ment of buildings needed to carry out the Act of April
19 24, 1948 (21 U.S.C. 113a): *Provided further*, That appro-
20 priations hereunder shall be available for granting ease-
21 ments at any Agricultural Research Service location for
22 the construction of a research facility by a non-Federal
23 entity for use by, and acceptable to, the Agricultural Re-
24 search Service and a condition of the easements shall be
25 that upon completion the facility shall be accepted by the

1 Secretary, subject to the availability of funds herein, if the
2 Secretary finds that acceptance of the facility is in the
3 interest of the United States: *Provided further*, That funds
4 may be received from any State, other political subdivi-
5 sion, organization, or individual for the purpose of estab-
6 lishing or operating any research facility or research
7 project of the Agricultural Research Service, as authorized
8 by law.

9 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

10 For the acquisition of land, construction, repair, im-
11 provement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed
12 equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agri-
13 cultural research programs of the Department of Agri-
14 culture, where not otherwise provided, up to \$16,700,000
15 to remain available until expended, shall be for the pur-
16 poses, and in the amounts, specified for this account in
17 the table titled “Community Project Funding” in the re-
18 port accompanying this Act.

19 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

20 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

21 For payments to agricultural experiment stations, for
22 cooperative forestry and other research, for facilities, and
23 for other expenses, \$1,085,221,000 which shall be for the
24 purposes, and in the amounts, specified in the table titled
25 “National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Research

1 and Education Activities” in the report accompanying this
2 Act: *Provided*, That funds for research grants for 1994
3 institutions, education grants for 1890 institutions, His-
4 panic serving institutions education grants, capacity build-
5 ing for non-land-grant colleges of agriculture, the agri-
6 culture and food research initiative, veterinary medicine
7 loan repayment, multicultural scholars, graduate fellow-
8 ship and institution challenge grants, grants management
9 systems, tribal colleges education equity grants, and schol-
10 arships at 1890 institutions shall remain available until
11 expended: *Provided further*, That each institution eligible
12 to receive funds under the Evans-Allen program receives
13 no less than \$1,000,000: *Provided further*, That funds for
14 education grants for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-
15 serving institutions be made available to individual eligible
16 institutions or consortia of eligible institutions with funds
17 awarded equally to each of the States of Alaska and Ha-
18 waii: *Provided further*, That funds for providing grants for
19 food and agricultural sciences for Alaska Native and Na-
20 tive Hawaiian-Serving institutions and for Insular Areas
21 shall remain available until September 30, 2025: *Provided*
22 *further*, That funds for education grants for 1890 institu-
23 tions shall be made available to institutions eligible to re-
24 ceive funds under 7 U.S.C. 3221 and 3222: *Provided fur-*
25 *ther*, That not more than 5 percent of the amounts made

1 available by this or any other Act to carry out the Agri-
2 culture and Food Research Initiative under 7 U.S.C. 3157
3 may be retained by the Secretary of Agriculture to pay
4 administrative costs incurred by the Secretary in carrying
5 out that authority.

6 NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND

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

10 EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

11 For payments to States, the District of Columbia,
12 Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, the
13 Northern Marianas, and American Samoa, \$564,860,000
14 which shall be for the purposes, and in the amounts, speci-
15 fied in the table titled “National Institute of Food and
16 Agriculture, Extension Activities” in the report accom-
17 panying this Act: *Provided*, That funds for extension serv-
18 ices at 1994 institutions and for facility improvements at
19 1890 institutions shall remain available until expended:
20 *Provided further*, That institutions eligible to receive funds
21 under 7 U.S.C. 3221 for cooperative extension receive no
22 less than \$1,000,000: *Provided further*, That funds for co-
23 operative extension under sections 3(b) and (c) of the
24 Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(b) and (c)) and section
25 208(c) of Public Law 93–471 shall be available for retire-

1 ment and employees' compensation costs for extension
2 agents.

3 INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES

4 For the integrated research, education, and extension
5 grants programs, including necessary administrative ex-
6 penses, \$41,500,000, which shall be for the purposes, and
7 in the amounts, specified in the table titled "National In-
8 stitute of Food and Agriculture, Integrated Activities" in
9 the report accompanying this Act: *Provided*, That funds
10 for the Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative shall re-
11 main available until September 30, 2025: *Provided further*,
12 That notwithstanding any other provision of law, indirect
13 costs shall not be charged against any Extension Imple-
14 mentation Program Area grant awarded under the Crop
15 Protection/Pest Management Program (7 U.S.C. 7626).

16 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR MARKETING
17 AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

18 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
19 Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs,
20 \$800,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
21 Act to an agency in the Marketing and Regulatory Pro-
22 grams mission area for salaries and expenses are available
23 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-
24 fice.

1 ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
3 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 For necessary expenses of the Animal and Plant
5 Health Inspection Service, including up to \$30,000 for
6 representation allowances and for expenses pursuant to
7 the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4085),
8 \$1,168,964,000; of which \$514,000, to remain available
9 until expended, shall be available for the control of out-
10 breaks of insects, plant diseases, animal diseases and for
11 control of pest animals and birds (“contingency fund”) to
12 the extent necessary to meet emergency conditions; of
13 which \$15,450,000, to remain available until expended,
14 shall be used for the cotton pests program, including for
15 cost share purposes or for debt retirement for active eradi-
16 cation zones; of which \$49,683,000, to remain available
17 until expended, shall be for Animal Health Technical Serv-
18 ices; of which \$3,096,000 shall be for activities under the
19 authority of the Horse Protection Act of 1970, as amend-
20 ed (15 U.S.C. 1831); of which \$67,430,000, to remain
21 available until expended, shall be used to support avian
22 health; of which \$4,251,000, to remain available until ex-
23 pended, shall be for information technology infrastructure;
24 of which \$224,521,000, to remain available until ex-
25 pended, shall be for specialty crop pests; of which,

1 \$13,637,000, to remain available until expended, shall be
2 for field crop and rangeland ecosystem pests; of which
3 \$21,567,000, to remain available until expended, shall be
4 for zoonotic disease management; of which \$44,617,000,
5 to remain available until expended, shall be for emergency
6 preparedness and response; of which \$55,562,000, to re-
7 main available until expended, shall be for tree and wood
8 pests; of which \$6,500,000, to remain available until ex-
9 pended, shall be for the National Veterinary Stockpile; of
10 which up to \$1,500,000, to remain available until ex-
11 pended, shall be for the scrapie program for indemnities;
12 of which \$2,500,000, to remain available until expended,
13 shall be for the wildlife damage management program for
14 aviation safety: *Provided*, That of amounts available under
15 this heading for wildlife services methods development,
16 \$1,000,000 shall remain available until expended: *Pro-*
17 *vided further*, That of amounts available under this head-
18 ing for the screwworm program, \$4,990,000 shall remain
19 available until expended; of which \$24,527,000, to remain
20 available until expended, shall be used to carry out the
21 science program and transition activities for the National
22 Bio and Agro-defense Facility located in Manhattan, Kan-
23 sas: *Provided further*, That no funds shall be used to for-
24 mulate or administer a brucellosis eradication program for
25 the current fiscal year that does not require minimum

1 matching by the States of at least 40 percent: *Provided*
2 *further*, That this appropriation shall be available for the
3 purchase, replacement, operation, and maintenance of air-
4 craft: *Provided further*, That in addition, in emergencies
5 which threaten any segment of the agricultural production
6 industry of the United States, the Secretary may transfer
7 from other appropriations or funds available to the agen-
8 cies or corporations of the Department such sums as may
9 be deemed necessary, to be available only in such emer-
10 gencies for the arrest and eradication of contagious or in-
11 fectious disease or pests of animals, poultry, or plants, and
12 for expenses in accordance with sections 10411 and 10417
13 of the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8310 and
14 8316) and sections 431 and 442 of the Plant Protection
15 Act (7 U.S.C. 7751 and 7772), and any unexpended bal-
16 ances of funds transferred for such emergency purposes
17 in the preceding fiscal year shall be merged with such
18 transferred amounts: *Provided further*, That appropria-
19 tions hereunder shall be available pursuant to law (7
20 U.S.C. 2250) for the repair and alteration of leased build-
21 ings and improvements, but unless otherwise provided the
22 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year
23 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement
24 value of the building.

1 In fiscal year 2024, the agency is authorized to collect
2 fees to cover the total costs of providing technical assist-
3 ance, goods, or services requested by States, other political
4 subdivisions, domestic and international organizations,
5 foreign governments, or individuals, provided that such
6 fees are structured such that any entity's liability for such
7 fees is reasonably based on the technical assistance, goods,
8 or services provided to the entity by the agency, and such
9 fees shall be reimbursed to this account, to remain avail-
10 able until expended, without further appropriation, for
11 providing such assistance, goods, or services.

12 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

13 MARKETING SERVICES

14 For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Marketing
15 Service, \$184,668,000, of which \$5,004,000 shall be avail-
16 able for the purposes of section 12306 of Public Law 113–
17 79: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be available
18 pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alteration and
19 repair of buildings and improvements, but the cost of al-
20 tering any one building during the fiscal year shall not
21 exceed 10 percent of the current replacement value of the
22 building.

23 Fees may be collected for the cost of standardization
24 activities, as established by regulation pursuant to law (31
25 U.S.C. 9701), except for the cost of activities relating to

1 the development or maintenance of grain standards under
2 the United States Grain Standards Act, 7 U.S.C. 71 et
3 seq.

4 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

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

12 FUNDS FOR STRENGTHENING MARKETS, INCOME, AND

13 SUPPLY (SECTION 32)

14 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

15 Funds available under section 32 of the Act of Au-
16 gust 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), shall be used only for com-
17 modity program expenses as authorized therein, and other
18 related operating expenses, except for: (1) transfers to the
19 Department of Commerce as authorized by the Fish and
20 Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a et seq.); (2) trans-
21 fers otherwise provided in this Act; and (3) not more than
22 \$21,501,000 for formulation and administration of mar-
23 keting agreements and orders pursuant to the Agricultural
24 Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 and the Agricultural
25 Act of 1961 (Public Law 87–128).

1 PAYMENTS TO STATES AND POSSESSIONS

2 For payments to departments of agriculture, bureaus
3 and departments of markets, and similar agencies for
4 marketing activities under section 204(b) of the Agricul-
5 tural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1623(b)),
6 \$1,235,000.

7 LIMITATION ON INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES

8 EXPENSES

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

16 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD SAFETY

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

23 FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

24 For necessary expenses to carry out services author-
25 ized by the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry

1 Products Inspection Act, and the Egg Products Inspection
2 Act, including not to exceed \$10,000 for representation
3 allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of the
4 Act approved August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766),
5 \$1,197,067,000; and in addition, \$1,000,000 may be cred-
6 ited to this account from fees collected for the cost of lab-
7 oratory accreditation as authorized by section 1327 of the
8 Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990
9 (7 U.S.C. 138f): *Provided*, That funds provided for the
10 Public Health Data Communication Infrastructure system
11 shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*,
12 That no fewer than 148 full-time equivalent positions shall
13 be employed during fiscal year 2024 for purposes dedi-
14 cated solely to inspections and enforcement related to the
15 Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (7 U.S.C. 1901 et
16 seq.): *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be
17 available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alter-
18 ation and repair of buildings and improvements, but the
19 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year
20 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement
21 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 \$901,000: *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, \$231,302,000: *Provided*,
19 That \$60,228,000 of amounts appropriated for the cur-
20 rent fiscal year pursuant to section 1241(a) of the Farm
21 Security and Rural Investment Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C.
22 3841(a)) shall be transferred to and merged with this ac-
23 count.

1 FARM SERVICE AGENCY
2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
3 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 For necessary expenses of the Farm Service Agency,
5 \$1,215,307,000, 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, 2025: *Provided*, That not more than 50
10 percent of the funding made available under this heading
11 for information technology related to farm program deliv-
12 ery may be obligated until the Secretary submits to the
13 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
14 gress, and receives written or electronic notification of re-
15 ceipt from such Committees of, a plan for expenditure that
16 (1) identifies for each project/investment over \$25,000 (a)
17 the functional and performance capabilities to be delivered
18 and the mission benefits to be realized, (b) the estimated
19 lifecycle cost for the entirety of the project/investment, in-
20 cluding estimates for development as well as maintenance
21 and operations, and (c) key milestones to be met; (2) dem-
22 onstrates that each project/investment is, (a) consistent
23 with the Farm Service Agency Information Technology
24 Roadmap, (b) being managed in accordance with applica-
25 ble lifecycle management policies and guidance, and (c)

1 subject to the applicable Department's capital planning
2 and investment control requirements; and (3) has been re-
3 viewed by the Government Accountability Office and ap-
4 proved by the Committees on Appropriations of both
5 Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That the agency
6 shall submit a report by the end of the fourth quarter of
7 fiscal year 2024 to the Committees on Appropriations and
8 the Government Accountability Office, that identifies for
9 each project/investment that is operational (a) current
10 performance against key indicators of customer satisfac-
11 tion, (b) current performance of service level agreements
12 or other technical metrics, (c) current performance against
13 a pre-established cost baseline, (d) a detailed breakdown
14 of current and planned spending on operational enhance-
15 ments or upgrades, and (e) an assessment of whether the
16 investment continues to meet business needs as intended
17 as well as alternatives to the investment: *Provided further*,
18 That the Secretary is authorized to use the services, facili-
19 ties, and authorities (but not the funds) of the Commodity
20 Credit Corporation to make program payments for all pro-
21 grams administered by the Agency: *Provided further*, That
22 other funds made available to the Agency for authorized
23 activities may be advanced to and merged with this ac-
24 count: *Provided further*, That of the amount appropriated
25 under this heading, \$696,594,000 shall be made available

1 to county committees, to remain available until expended:
2 *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding the preceding pro-
3 viso, any funds made available to county committees in
4 the current fiscal year that the Administrator of the Farm
5 Service Agency deems to exceed or not meet the amount
6 needed for the county committees may be transferred to
7 or from the Farm Service Agency for necessary expenses:
8 *Provided further*, That none of the funds available to the
9 Farm Service Agency shall be used to close Farm Service
10 Agency county offices: *Provided further*, That none of the
11 funds available to the Farm Service Agency shall be used
12 to permanently relocate county based employees that
13 would result in an office with two or fewer employees with-
14 out prior notification and approval of the Committees on
15 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

16 STATE MEDIATION GRANTS

17 For grants pursuant to section 502(b) of the Agricul-
18 tural Credit Act of 1987, as amended (7 U.S.C. 5101–
19 5106), \$6,000,000.

20 GRASSROOTS SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

21 For necessary expenses to carry out wellhead or
22 groundwater protection activities under section 12400 of
23 the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839bb–2),
24 \$7,500,000, to remain available until expended.

1 DAIRY INDEMNITY PROGRAM

2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

13 AGRICULTURAL CREDIT INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM

14 ACCOUNT

15 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

16 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
17 rect and guaranteed farm ownership (7 U.S.C. 1922 et
18 seq.) and operating (7 U.S.C. 1941 et seq.) loans, emer-
19 gency loans (7 U.S.C. 1961 et seq.), Indian tribe land ac-
20 quisition loans (25 U.S.C. 5136), boll weevil loans (7
21 U.S.C. 1989), guaranteed conservation loans (7 U.S.C.
22 1924 et seq.), relending program (7 U.S.C. 1936c), and
23 Indian highly fractionated land loans (25 U.S.C. 5136)
24 to be available from funds in the Agricultural Credit In-
25 surance Fund, as follows: \$3,500,000,000 for guaranteed

1 farm ownership loans and \$3,100,000,000 for farm owner-
2 ship direct loans; \$2,118,491,000 for unsubsidized guar-
3 anteed operating loans and \$1,633,000,000 for direct op-
4 erating loans; emergency loans, \$37,667,000; Indian tribe
5 land acquisition loans, \$20,000,000; guaranteed conserva-
6 tion loans, \$150,000,000; relending program,
7 \$61,426,000; Indian highly fractionated land loans,
8 \$5,000,000; and for boll weevil eradication program loans,
9 \$60,000,000: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall deem the
10 pink bollworm to be a boll weevil for the purpose of boll
11 weevil eradication program loans.

12 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans and
13 grants, including the cost of modifying loans as defined
14 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
15 as follows: \$3,507,000 for emergency loans, to remain
16 available until expended; and \$27,598,000 for direct farm
17 operating loans, \$1,483,000 for unsubsidized guaranteed
18 farm operating loans, \$19,368,000 for the relending pro-
19 gram, \$1,577,000 for Indian highly fractionated land
20 loans, and \$258,000 for boll weevil eradication program
21 loans.

22 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
23 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
24 \$326,053,000: *Provided*, That of this amount,
25 \$305,803,000 shall be transferred to and merged with the

1 appropriation for “Farm Service Agency, Salaries and Ex-
2 penses”.

3 Funds appropriated by this Act to the Agricultural
4 Credit Insurance Program Account for farm ownership,
5 operating and conservation direct loans and guaranteed
6 loans may be transferred among these programs: *Pro-*
7 *vided*, That the Committees on Appropriations of both
8 Houses of Congress are notified at least 15 days in ad-
9 vance of any transfer.

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

11 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

12 For necessary expenses of the Risk Management
13 Agency, \$63,637,000: *Provided*, That \$1,000,000 of the
14 amount appropriated under this heading in this Act shall
15 be available for compliance and integrity activities re-
16 quired under section 516(b)(2)(C) of the Federal Crop In-
17 surance Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1516(b)(2)(C)), and shall
18 be in addition to amounts otherwise provided for such pur-
19 pose: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$1,000 shall
20 be available for official reception and representation ex-
21 penses, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1506(i).

22 NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

23 CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

24 For necessary expenses for carrying out the provi-
25 sions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f),

1 including preparation of conservation plans and establish-
2 ment of measures to conserve soil and water (including
3 farm irrigation and land drainage and such special meas-
4 ures for soil and water management as may be necessary
5 to prevent floods and the siltation of reservoirs and to con-
6 trol agricultural related pollutants); operation of conserva-
7 tion plant materials centers; classification and mapping of
8 soil; dissemination of information; acquisition of lands,
9 water, and interests therein for use in the plant materials
10 program by donation, exchange, or purchase at a nominal
11 cost not to exceed \$100 pursuant to the Act of August
12 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 2268a); purchase and erection or alter-
13 ation or improvement of permanent and temporary build-
14 ings; and operation and maintenance of aircraft,
15 \$911,399,000, to remain available until September 30,
16 2025, of which up to \$18,748,000, to remain available
17 until expended, shall be for the purposes, and in the
18 amounts, specified for this account in the table titled
19 “Community Project Funding” in the report accom-
20 panying this Act: *Provided further*, That appropriations
21 hereunder shall be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250
22 for construction and improvement of buildings and public
23 improvements at plant materials centers, except that the
24 cost of alterations and improvements to other buildings
25 and other public improvements shall not exceed \$250,000:

1 *Provided further*, That when buildings or other structures
2 are erected on non-Federal land, that the right to use such
3 land is obtained as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2250a.

4 CORPORATIONS

5 The following corporations and agencies are hereby
6 authorized to make expenditures, within the limits of
7 funds and borrowing authority available to each such cor-
8 poration or agency and in accord with law, and to make
9 contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year
10 limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government
11 Corporation Control Act as may be necessary in carrying
12 out the programs set forth in the budget for the current
13 fiscal year for such corporation or agency, except as here-
14 inafter provided.

15 FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION FUND

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

19 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUND

20 REIMBURSEMENT FOR NET REALIZED LOSSES

21 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

22 For the current fiscal year, such sums as may be nec-
23 essary to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for
24 net realized losses sustained, but not previously reim-
25 bursed, pursuant to section 2 of the Act of August 17,

1 1961 (15 U.S.C. 713a–11): *Provided*, That of the funds
2 available to the Commodity Credit Corporation under sec-
3 tion 11 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act
4 (15 U.S.C. 714i) for the conduct of its business with the
5 Foreign Agricultural Service, up to \$5,000,000 may be
6 transferred to and used by the Foreign Agricultural Serv-
7 ice for information resource management activities of the
8 Foreign Agricultural Service that are not related to Com-
9 modity Credit Corporation business: *Provided further*,
10 That the Secretary shall notify the Committees on Appro-
11 priations of the House and Senate in writing 15 days prior
12 to the obligation or commitment of any emergency funds
13 from the Commodity Credit Corporation.

14 HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

15 (LIMITATION ON EXPENSES)

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

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

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
6 Secretary for Rural Development, \$800,000: *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; \$331,087,000: *Provided*
19 *further*, That of the amount made available under this
20 heading, no less than \$75,000,000, to remain available
21 until expended, shall be for information technology ex-
22 penses. *Provided*, 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.

7 RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

8 RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

9 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

10 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
11 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by title V of the
12 Housing Act of 1949, to be available from funds in the
13 rural housing insurance fund, as follows: \$880,691,000
14 shall be for Section 502 direct loans; \$5,000,000 for a
15 Single Family Housing Relending demonstration program
16 for Native American Tribes; and \$30,000,000,000 for Sec-
17 tion 502 unsubsidized guaranteed loans; \$25,000,000 for
18 section 504 housing repair loans; \$60,000,000 for section
19 515 rental housing; \$400,000,000 for section 538 guaran-
20 teed multi-family housing loans; \$10,000,000 for credit
21 sales of single family housing acquired property;
22 \$5,000,000 for section 523 self-help housing land develop-
23 ment loans; and \$5,000,000 for section 524 site develop-
24 ment loans.

1 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, including
2 the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section 502 of
3 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows: section
4 502 loans, \$86,660,000 shall be for direct loans; Single
5 Family Housing Relending demonstration program for
6 Native American Tribes, \$2,288,000; section 504 housing
7 repair loans, \$4,337,000; section 523 self-help housing
8 land development loans, \$637,000; section 524 site devel-
9 opment loans, \$477,000; and repair, rehabilitation, and
10 new construction of section 515 rental housing,
11 \$20,998,000: *Provided*, That to support the loan program
12 level for section 538 guaranteed loans made available
13 under this heading the Secretary may charge or adjust
14 any fees to cover the projected cost of such loan guaran-
15 tees pursuant to the provisions of the Credit Reform Act
16 of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661 et seq.), and the interest on such
17 loans may not be subsidized: *Provided further*, That appli-
18 cants in communities that have a current rural area waiv-
19 er under section 541 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42
20 U.S.C. 1490q) shall be treated as living in a rural area
21 for purposes of section 502 guaranteed loans provided
22 under this heading: *Provided further*, That of the amounts
23 available under this paragraph for section 502 direct
24 loans, no less than \$5,000,000 shall be available for direct
25 loans for individuals whose homes will be built pursuant

1 to a program funded with a mutual and self-help housing
2 grant authorized by section 523 of the Housing Act of
3 1949 until June 1, 2024: *Provided further*, That the Sec-
4 retary shall implement provisions to provide incentives to
5 nonprofit organizations and public housing authorities to
6 facilitate the acquisition of Rural Housing Service (RHS)
7 multifamily housing properties by such nonprofit organi-
8 zations and public housing authorities that commit to keep
9 such properties in the RHS multifamily housing program
10 for a period of time as determined by the Secretary, with
11 such incentives to include, but not be limited to, the fol-
12 lowing: allow such nonprofit entities and public housing
13 authorities to earn a Return on Investment on their own
14 resources to include proceeds from low income housing tax
15 credit syndication, own contributions, grants, and devel-
16 oper loans at favorable rates and terms, invested in a deal;
17 and allow reimbursement of organizational costs associ-
18 ated with owner’s oversight of asset referred to as “Asset
19 Management Fee” of up to \$7,500 per property.

20 In addition, for the cost of direct loans and grants,
21 including the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section
22 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
23 \$34,000,000, to remain available until expended, for a
24 demonstration program for the preservation and revital-
25 ization of the sections 514, 515, and 516 multi-family

1 rental housing properties to restructure existing USDA
2 multi-family housing loans, as the Secretary deems appro-
3 priate, expressly for the purposes of ensuring the project
4 has sufficient resources to preserve the project for the pur-
5 pose of providing safe and affordable housing for low-in-
6 come residents and farm laborers including reducing or
7 eliminating interest; deferring loan payments, subordi-
8 nating, reducing or re-amortizing loan debt; and other fi-
9 nancial assistance including advances, payments and in-
10 centives (including the ability of owners to obtain reason-
11 able returns on investment) required by the Secretary:
12 *Provided*, That the Secretary shall, as part of the preser-
13 vation and revitalization agreement, obtain a restrictive
14 use agreement consistent with the terms of the restruc-
15 turing.

16 In addition, for the cost of direct loans, grants, and
17 contracts, as authorized by sections 514 and 516 of the
18 Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1486),
19 \$9,525,000, to remain available until expended, for direct
20 farm labor housing loans and domestic farm labor housing
21 grants and contracts.

22 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
23 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
24 \$412,254,000 shall be paid to the appropriation for
25 “Rural Development, Salaries and Expenses”.

RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

1
2 For rental assistance agreements entered into or re-
3 newed pursuant to the authority under section 521(a)(2)
4 of the Housing Act of 1949 or agreements entered into
5 in lieu of debt forgiveness or payments for eligible house-
6 holds as authorized by section 502(c)(5)(D) of the Hous-
7 ing Act of 1949, \$1,606,926,000, and in addition such
8 sums as may be necessary, as authorized by section 521(c)
9 of the Act, to liquidate debt incurred prior to fiscal year
10 1992 to carry out the rental assistance program under sec-
11 tion 521(a)(2) of the Act: *Provided*, That rental assistance
12 agreements entered into or renewed during the current fis-
13 cal year shall be funded for a one-year period: *Provided*
14 *further*, That upon request by an owner of a project fi-
15 nanced by an existing loan under section 514 or 515 of
16 the Act, the Secretary may renew the rental assistance
17 agreement for a period of 20 years or until the term of
18 such loan has expired, subject to annual appropriations:
19 *Provided further*, That any unexpended balances remain-
20 ing at the end of such one-year agreements may be trans-
21 ferred and used for purposes of any debt reduction, main-
22 tenance, repair, or rehabilitation of any existing projects;
23 preservation; and rental assistance activities authorized
24 under title V of the Act: *Provided further*, That notwith-
25 standing any other provision of the Act, the Secretary may

1 recapture rental assistance provided under agreements en-
2 tered into prior to fiscal year 2024 for a project the Sec-
3 retary determines no longer needs rental assistance and
4 use such recaptured funds for current needs: *Provided fur-*
5 *ther*, That such recaptured funds shall remain available
6 for obligation in fiscal year 2024 for the purposes specified
7 under the heading: *Provided further*, That such recaptured
8 rental assistance shall, to the extent practicable, be ap-
9 plied to another farm labor multi-family housing project
10 financed under section 514 or 516 of the Act.

11 RURAL HOUSING VOUCHER ACCOUNT

12 For the rural housing voucher program as authorized
13 under section 542 of the Housing Act of 1949, but not-
14 withstanding subsection (b) of such section, \$48,000,000,
15 to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the
16 funds made available under this heading shall be available
17 for rural housing vouchers to any low-income household
18 (including those not receiving rental assistance) residing
19 in a property financed with a section 515 loan which has
20 been prepaid or otherwise paid off after September 30,
21 2005: *Provided further*, That the amount of such voucher
22 shall be the difference between comparable market rent
23 for the section 515 unit and the tenant paid rent for such
24 unit: *Provided further*, That funds made available for such
25 vouchers shall be subject to the availability of annual ap-

1 appropriations: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall,
2 to the maximum extent practicable, administer such
3 vouchers with current regulations and administrative guid-
4 ance applicable to section 8 housing vouchers administered
5 by the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban
6 Development: *Provided further*, That in addition to any
7 other available funds, the Secretary may expend not more
8 than \$1,000,000 total, from the program funds made
9 available under this heading, for administrative expenses
10 for activities funded under this heading.

11 MUTUAL AND SELF-HELP HOUSING GRANTS

12 For grants and contracts pursuant to section
13 523(b)(1)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.
14 1490c), \$25,000,000, to remain available until expended.

15 RURAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS

16 For grants for very low-income housing repair and
17 rural housing preservation made by the Rural Housing
18 Service, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 1474, and 1490m,
19 \$35,000,000, to remain available until expended.

20 RURAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM ACCOUNT

21 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

22 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
23 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by section 306
24 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the Consolidated

1 Farm and Rural Development Act, \$2,800,000,000 for di-
2 rect loans and \$650,000,000 for guaranteed loans.

3 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and
4 grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined
5 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
6 for rural community facilities programs as authorized by
7 section 306 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the
8 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act,
9 \$327,636,000, to remain available until expended, of
10 which up to \$312,037,648 shall be for the purposes, and
11 in the amounts, specified for this account in the table ti-
12 tled “Community Project Funding” in the report accom-
13 panying this Act: *Provided*, That \$5,000,000 of the
14 amount appropriated under this heading shall be available
15 for a Rural Community Development Initiative: *Provided*
16 *further*, That such funds shall be used solely to develop
17 the capacity and ability of private, nonprofit community-
18 based housing and community development organizations,
19 low-income rural communities, and Federally Recognized
20 Native American Tribes to undertake projects to improve
21 housing, community facilities, community and economic
22 development projects in rural areas: *Provided further*,
23 That such funds shall be made available to qualified pri-
24 vate, nonprofit and public intermediary organizations pro-
25 posing to carry out a program of financial and technical

1 assistance: *Provided further*, That such intermediary orga-
2 nizations shall provide matching funds from other sources,
3 including Federal funds for related activities, in an
4 amount not less than funds provided: *Provided further*,
5 That any unobligated balances from prior year appropria-
6 tions under this heading for the cost of direct loans, loan
7 guarantees and grants, including amounts deobligated or
8 cancelled, may be made available to cover the subsidy costs
9 for direct loans and or loan guarantees under this heading
10 in this fiscal year: *Provided further*, That no amounts may
11 be made available pursuant to the preceding proviso from
12 amounts that were designated by the Congress as an
13 emergency requirement pursuant to a Concurrent Resolu-
14 tion on the Budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-
15 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985, or that were specified
16 in the table titled “Community Project Funding/Congres-
17 sionally Directed Spending” in the explanatory statement
18 for division A of Public Law 117-328 described in section
19 4 in the matter preceding such division A: *Provided fur-*
20 *ther*, That \$6,000,000 of the amount appropriated under
21 this heading shall be available for community facilities
22 grants to tribal colleges, as authorized by section
23 306(a)(19) of such Act: *Provided further*, That sections
24 381E–H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and Rural

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

3 RURAL BUSINESS—COOPERATIVE SERVICE

4 RURAL BUSINESS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

5 For the cost of loan guarantees and grants, for the
6 rural business development programs authorized by sec-
7 tion 310B and described in subsections (a), (c), (f) and
8 (g) of section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
9 Development Act, \$68,840,000, to remain available until
10 expended: *Provided*, That of the amount appropriated
11 under this heading, not to exceed \$500,000 shall be made
12 available for one grant to a qualified national organization
13 to provide technical assistance for rural transportation in
14 order to promote economic development and \$6,000,000
15 shall be for grants to the Delta Regional Authority (7
16 U.S.C. 2009aa et seq.), the Northern Border Regional
17 Commission (40 U.S.C. 15101 et seq.), and the Appa-
18 lachian Regional Commission (40 U.S.C. 14101 et seq.)
19 for any Rural Community Advancement Program purpose
20 as described in section 381E(d) of the Consolidated Farm
21 and Rural Development Act, of which not more than 5
22 percent may be used for administrative expenses: *Provided*
23 *further*, That of the amount appropriated under this head-
24 ing, not to exceed \$100,000 shall be made available for
25 one or more qualified state technology councils to promote

1 private-sector economic development in the bio-sciences:
2 *Provided further*, That \$4,000,000 of the amount appro-
3 priated under this heading shall be for business grants to
4 benefit Federally Recognized Native American Tribes, in-
5 cluding \$250,000 for a grant to a qualified national orga-
6 nization to provide technical assistance for rural transpor-
7 tation in order to promote economic development: *Pro-*
8 *vided further*, That sections 381E–H and 381N of the
9 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act are not
10 applicable to funds made available under this heading.

11 INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM FUND ACCOUNT
12 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

13 For the principal amount of direct loans, as author-
14 ized by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Ac-
15 count (7 U.S.C. 1936b), \$16,000,000.

16 For the cost of direct loans, \$4,856,000, as author-
17 ized by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Ac-
18 count (7 U.S.C. 1936b), of which \$331,000 shall be avail-
19 able through June 30, 2024, for Federally Recognized Na-
20 tive American Tribes; and of which \$663,000 shall be
21 available through June 30, 2024, for Mississippi Delta Re-
22 gion counties (as determined in accordance with Public
23 Law 100–460): *Provided*, That such costs, including the
24 cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section
25 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

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

5 RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS PROGRAM
6 ACCOUNT

7 For the principal amount of direct loans, as author-
8 ized under section 313B(a) of the Rural Electrification
9 Act, for the purpose of promoting rural economic develop-
10 ment and job creation projects, \$75,000,000.

11 The cost of grants authorized under section 313B(a)
12 of the Rural Electrification Act, for the purpose of pro-
13 moting rural economic development and job creation
14 projects shall not exceed \$15,000,000.

15 RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

16 For rural cooperative development grants authorized
17 under section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and
18 Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932), \$19,600,000, of
19 which \$2,800,000 shall be for cooperative agreements for
20 the appropriate technology transfer for rural areas pro-
21 gram: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$3,000,000 shall be
22 for grants for cooperative development centers, individual
23 cooperatives, or groups of cooperatives that serve socially
24 disadvantaged groups and a majority of the boards of di-
25 rectors or governing boards of which are comprised of in-

1 individuals who are members of socially disadvantaged
2 groups; and of which \$8,000,000, to remain available until
3 expended, shall be for value-added agricultural product
4 market development grants, as authorized by section 210A
5 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946.

6 RURAL MICROENTREPRENEUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

7 For the principal amount of direct loans as author-
8 ized by section 379E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
9 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2008s), \$5,000,000.

10 For the cost of loans and grants, \$6,000,000 under
11 the same terms and conditions as authorized by section
12 379E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development
13 Act (7 U.S.C. 2008s).

14 RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM

15 For the principal amount of loan guarantees, under
16 the same terms and conditions as authorized by section
17 9007 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of
18 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107), \$50,000,000.

19 RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE

20 RURAL WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM ACCOUNT

21 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

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

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

3 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and
4 grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined
5 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
6 for rural water, waste water, waste disposal, and solid
7 waste management programs authorized by sections 306,
8 306A, 306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B and described in sec-
9 tions 306C(a)(2), 306D, 306E, and 381E(d)(2) of the
10 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act,
11 \$587,120,000, to remain available until expended, of
12 which up to \$120,101,362 shall be for the purposes, and
13 in the amounts, specified for this account in the table ti-
14 tled “Community Project Funding” in the report accom-
15 panying this Act, of which not to exceed \$1,000,000 shall
16 be available for the rural utilities program described in
17 section 306(a)(2)(B) of such Act, and of which not to ex-
18 ceed \$4,000,000 shall be available for the rural utilities
19 program described in section 306E of such Act: *Provided*,
20 That not to exceed \$10,000,000 of the amount appro-
21 priated under this heading shall be for grants authorized
22 by section 306A(i)(2) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
23 Development Act in addition to funding authorized by sec-
24 tion 306A(i)(1) of such Act: *Provided further*, That
25 \$30,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-

1 ing shall be for loans and grants including water and
2 waste disposal systems grants authorized by section
3 306C(a)(2)(B) and section 306D of the Consolidated
4 Farm and Rural Development Act, and Federally Recog-
5 nized Native American Tribes authorized by 306C(a)(1)
6 of such Act: *Provided further*, That funding provided for
7 section 306D of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Devel-
8 opment Act may be provided to a consortium formed pur-
9 suant to section 325 of Public Law 105–83: *Provided fur-*
10 *ther*, That not more than 2 percent of the funding pro-
11 vided for section 306D of the Consolidated Farm and
12 Rural Development Act may be used by the State of Alas-
13 ka for training and technical assistance programs and not
14 more than 2 percent of the funding provided for section
15 306D of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development
16 Act may be used by a consortium formed pursuant to sec-
17 tion 325 of Public Law 105–83 for training and technical
18 assistance programs: *Provided further*, That not to exceed
19 \$37,500,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-
20 ing shall be for technical assistance grants for rural water
21 and waste systems pursuant to section 306(a)(14) of such
22 Act, unless the Secretary makes a determination of ex-
23 treme need, of which \$8,500,000 shall be made available
24 for a grant to a qualified nonprofit multi-State regional
25 technical assistance organization, with experience in work-

1 ing with small communities on water and waste water
2 problems, the principal purpose of such grant shall be to
3 assist rural communities with populations of 3,300 or less,
4 in improving the planning, financing, development, oper-
5 ation, and management of water and waste water systems,
6 and of which not less than \$800,000 shall be for a quali-
7 fied national Native American organization to provide
8 technical assistance for rural water systems for tribal com-
9 munities: *Provided further*, That not to exceed
10 \$21,817,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-
11 ing shall be for contracting with qualified national organi-
12 zations for a circuit rider program to provide technical as-
13 sistance for rural water systems: *Provided further*, That
14 not to exceed \$4,000,000 of the amounts made available
15 under this heading shall be for solid waste management
16 grants.

17 RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

18 LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

20 The principal amount of loans and loan guarantees
21 as authorized by sections 4, 305, 306, 313A, and 317 of
22 the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 904, 935,
23 936, 940c-1, and 940g) shall be made as follows: guaran-
24 teed rural electric loans made pursuant to section 306 of
25 that Act, \$2,167,000,000; cost of money direct loans made

1 pursuant to sections 4, notwithstanding the one-eighth of
2 one percent in 4(c)(2), and 317, notwithstanding 317(c),
3 of that Act, \$4,333,000,000; guaranteed underwriting
4 loans pursuant to section 313A of that Act, \$900,000,000;
5 and for cost-of-money rural telecommunications loans
6 made pursuant to section 305(d)(2) of that Act,
7 \$690,000,000: *Provided*, That up to \$2,000,000,000 shall
8 be used for the construction, acquisition, design, engineer-
9 ing or improvement of fossil-fueled electric generating
10 plants (whether new or existing) that utilize carbon sub-
11 surface utilization and storage systems.

12 For the cost of direct loans as authorized by section
13 305(d)(2) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7
14 U.S.C. 935(d)(2)), including the cost of modifying loans,
15 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
16 of 1974, cost of money rural telecommunications loans,
17 \$7,176,000.

18 In addition, \$3,578,000 to remain available until ex-
19 pended, to carry out section 6407 of the Farm Security
20 and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107a): *Pro-*
21 *vided*, That the energy efficiency measures supported by
22 the funding in this paragraph shall contribute in a demon-
23 strable way to the reduction of greenhouse gases.

24 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
25 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,

1 \$33,270,000, which shall be paid to the appropriation for
2 “Rural Development, Salaries and Expenses”.

3 DISTANCE LEARNING, TELEMEDICINE, AND BROADBAND
4 PROGRAM

5 For grants for telemedicine and distance learning
6 services in rural areas, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 950aaa
7 et seq., \$56,973,000, to remain available until expended,
8 of which up to \$6,972,570 shall be for the purposes, and
9 in the amounts, specified for this account in the table ti-
10 tled “Community Project Funding” in the report accom-
11 panying this Act: *Provided*, That \$3,000,000 shall be
12 made available for grants authorized by section 379G of
13 the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act: *Pro-*
14 *vided further*, That funding provided under this heading
15 for grants under section 379G of the Consolidated Farm
16 and Rural Development Act may only be provided to enti-
17 ties that meet all of the eligibility criteria for a consortium
18 as established by this section.

19 For the cost of broadband loans, as authorized by
20 sections 601 and 602 of the Rural Electrification Act,
21 \$2,037,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*,
22 That the cost of direct loans shall be as defined in section
23 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

24 For the cost to continue a broadband loan and grant
25 pilot program established by section 779 of division A of

1 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law
2 115–141) under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as
3 amended (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), \$269,385,000, to remain
4 available until expended, of which up to \$10,385,000 shall
5 be for the purposes, and in the amounts, specified for this
6 account in the table titled “Community Project Funding”
7 in the report accompanying this Act: *Provided*, That the
8 Secretary may award grants described in section 601(a)
9 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7
10 U.S.C. 950bb(a)) for the purposes of carrying out such
11 pilot program: *Provided further*, That the cost of direct
12 loans shall be defined in section 502 of the Congressional
13 Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That at least 90
14 percent of the households to be served by a project receiv-
15 ing a loan or grant under the pilot program shall be in
16 a rural area without sufficient access to broadband: *Pro-*
17 *vided further*, That for purposes of such pilot program,
18 a rural area without sufficient access to broadband shall
19 be defined as twenty-five megabits per second downstream
20 and three megabits per second upstream: *Provided further*,
21 That to the extent possible, projects receiving funds pro-
22 vided under the pilot program must build out service to
23 at least one hundred megabits per second downstream,
24 and twenty megabits per second upstream: *Provided fur-*
25 *ther*, That an entity to which a loan or grant is made

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

19 In addition, \$30,000,000, to remain available until
20 expended, for the Community Connect Grant Program au-
21 thorized by 7 U.S.C. 950bb-3.

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

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

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

15 For necessary expenses to carry out the Richard B.
16 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et
17 seq.), except section 21, and the Child Nutrition Act of
18 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.), except sections 17 and
19 21; \$31,996,363,000 to remain available through Sep-
20 tember 30, 2025, 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, \$21,005,000
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, \$3,000,000 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 2024 shall not exceed \$500,000: *Provided*
14 *further*, That of the total amount available, \$20,000,000
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 section 26(d) of the Richard B. Russell
22 National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769g(d)) is
23 amended in the first sentence by striking “2010 through
24 2024” and inserting “2010 through 2025”: *Provided fur-*
25 *ther*, That section 9(h)(3) of the Richard B. Russell Na-

1 tional School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(h)(3)) is amend-
2 ed in the first sentence by striking “For fiscal year 2023”
3 and inserting “For fiscal year 2024”: *Provided further*,
4 That section 9(h)(4) of the Richard B. Russell National
5 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(h)(4)) is amended in
6 the first sentence by striking “For fiscal year 2023” and
7 inserting “For fiscal year 2024”.

8 SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR
9 WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

10 For necessary expenses to carry out the special sup-
11 plemental nutrition program as authorized by section 17
12 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786),
13 \$6,000,000,000, to remain available through September
14 30, 2025: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section
15 17(h)(10) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.
16 1786(h)(10)), up to \$90,000,000 shall be used for
17 breastfeeding peer counselors and other related activities,
18 and up to \$14,000,000 shall be used for infrastructure:
19 *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall use funds made
20 available under this heading to increase the amount of a
21 cash-value voucher to \$11 for child participants, \$13 for
22 pregnant and postpartum women, and \$15 for fully and
23 partially breastfeeding women and adjusted for inflation
24 beginning in fiscal year 2025: *Provided further*, That none
25 of the funds provided in this account shall be available

1 for the purchase of infant formula except in accordance
2 with the cost containment and competitive bidding re-
3 quirements specified in section 17 of such Act: *Provided*
4 *further*, That none of the funds provided shall be available
5 for activities that are not fully reimbursed by other Fed-
6 eral Government departments or agencies unless author-
7 ized by section 17 of such Act: *Provided further*, That
8 upon termination of a federally mandated vendor morato-
9 rium and subject to terms and conditions established by
10 the Secretary, the Secretary may waive the requirement
11 at 7 CFR 246.12(g)(6) at the request of a State agency.

12 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

13 For necessary expenses to carry out the Food and
14 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.),
15 \$121,996,757,000, of which \$3,000,000,000, to remain
16 available through September 30, 2026, shall be placed in
17 reserve for use only in such amounts and at such times
18 as may become necessary to carry out program operations:
19 *Provided*, That funds provided herein shall be expended
20 in accordance with section 16 of the Food and Nutrition
21 Act of 2008: *Provided further*, That of the funds made
22 available under this heading, \$998,000 may be used to
23 provide nutrition education services to State agencies and
24 Federally Recognized Tribes participating in the Food
25 Distribution Program on Indian Reservations: *Provided*

1 *further*, That of the funds made available under this head-
2 ing, \$3,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
3 2025, shall be used to carry out section 4003(b) of Public
4 Law 115–334 relating to demonstration projects for tribal
5 organizations: *Provided further*, That of the funds made
6 available under this heading, \$2,000,000 shall be used to
7 carry out section 4208 of Public law 115-334; *Provided*
8 *further*, That this appropriation shall be subject to any
9 work registration or workfare requirements as may be re-
10 quired by law: *Provided further*, That funds made available
11 for Employment and Training under this heading shall re-
12 main available through September 30, 2025: *Provided fur-*
13 *ther*, That funds made available under this heading for
14 section 28(d)(1), section 4(b), and section 27(a) of the
15 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 shall remain available
16 through September 30, 2025: *Provided further*, That none
17 of the funds made available under this heading may be
18 obligated or expended in contravention of section 213A of
19 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1183A):
20 *Provided further*, That funds made available under this
21 heading may be used to enter into contracts and employ
22 staff to conduct studies, evaluations, or to conduct activi-
23 ties related to program integrity provided that such activi-
24 ties are authorized by the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008.

1 COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

2 For necessary expenses to carry out disaster assist-
3 ance and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program as
4 authorized by section 4(a) of the Agriculture and Con-
5 sumer Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note); the
6 Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983; special assist-
7 ance for the nuclear affected islands, as authorized by sec-
8 tion 103(f)(2) of the Compact of Free Association Amend-
9 ments Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–188); and the Farm-
10 ers’ Market Nutrition Program, as authorized by section
11 17(m) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, \$472,563,000,
12 to remain available through September 30, 2025: *Pro-*
13 *vided*, That none of these funds shall be available to reim-
14 burse the Commodity Credit Corporation for commodities
15 donated to the program: *Provided further*, That notwith-
16 standing any other provision of law, effective with funds
17 made available in fiscal year 2024 to support the Seniors
18 Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program, as authorized by
19 section 4402 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment
20 Act of 2002, such funds shall remain available through
21 September 30, 2025: *Provided further*, That of the funds
22 made available under section 27(a) of the Food and Nutri-
23 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)), the Secretary may
24 use up to 20 percent for costs associated with the distribu-
25 tion of commodities.

1 NUTRITION PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION

2 For necessary administrative expenses of the Food
3 and Nutrition Service for carrying out any domestic nutri-
4 tion assistance program, \$136,861,000: *Provided*, That of
5 the funds provided herein, \$2,000,000 shall be used for
6 the purposes of section 4404 of Public Law 107–171, as
7 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 \$875,000: *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 FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE
14 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
15 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

16 For necessary expenses of the Foreign Agricultural
17 Service, including not to exceed \$250,000 for representa-
18 tion allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of
19 the Act approved August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766),
20 \$237,330,000, of which no more than 6 percent shall re-
21 main available until September 30, 2025, for overseas op-
22 erations to include the payment of locally employed staff:
23 *Provided*, That the Service may utilize advances of funds,
24 or reimburse this appropriation for expenditures made on
25 behalf of Federal agencies, public and private organiza-

1 tions and institutions under agreements executed pursu-
2 ant to the agricultural food production assistance pro-
3 grams (7 U.S.C. 1737) and the foreign assistance pro-
4 grams of the United States Agency for International De-
5 velopment: *Provided further*, That funds made available
6 for middle-income country training programs, funds made
7 available for the Borlaug International Agricultural
8 Science and Technology Fellowship program, and up to
9 \$2,000,000 of the Foreign Agricultural Service appropria-
10 tion solely for the purpose of offsetting fluctuations in
11 international currency exchange rates, subject to docu-
12 mentation by the Foreign Agricultural Service, shall re-
13 main available until expended.

14 FOOD FOR PEACE TITLE II GRANTS

15 For expenses during the current fiscal year, not oth-
16 erwise recoverable, and unrecovered prior years' costs, in-
17 cluding interest thereon, under the Food for Peace Act
18 (Public Law 83-480), for commodities supplied in connec-
19 tion with dispositions abroad under title II of said Act,
20 \$1,740,000,000, to remain available until expended.

21 MCGOVERN-DOLE INTERNATIONAL FOOD FOR EDUCATION

22 AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM GRANTS

23 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions
24 of section 3107 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
25 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1736o-1), \$240,000,000, to

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

12 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION EXPORT (LOANS)
13 CREDIT GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT
14 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

15 For administrative expenses to carry out the Com-
16 modity Credit Corporation's Export Guarantee Program,
17 GSM 102 and GSM 103, \$6,063,000, to cover common
18 overhead expenses as permitted by section 11 of the Com-
19 modity Credit Corporation Charter Act and in conformity
20 with the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, which shall
21 be paid to the appropriation for "Foreign Agricultural
22 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; in addition to
15 amounts appropriated to the FDA Innovation Account, for
16 carrying out the activities described in section 1002(b)(4)
17 of the 21st Century Cures Act (Public Law 114–255); for
18 miscellaneous and emergency expenses of enforcement ac-
19 tivities, authorized and approved by the Secretary and to
20 be accounted for solely on the Secretary’s certificate, not
21 to exceed \$25,000; and notwithstanding section 521 of
22 Public Law 107–188; \$6,579,030,000: *Provided*, That of
23 the amount provided under this heading, \$1,336,525,000
24 shall be derived from prescription drug user fees author-
25 ized by 21 U.S.C. 379h, and shall be credited to this ac-

1 count and remain available until expended; \$331,273,000
2 shall be derived from medical device user fees authorized
3 by 21 U.S.C. 379j, and shall be credited to this account
4 and remain available until expended; \$594,150,000 shall
5 be derived from human generic drug user fees authorized
6 by 21 U.S.C. 379j–42, and shall be credited to this ac-
7 count and remain available until expended; \$42,432,000
8 shall be derived from biosimilar biological product user
9 fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–52, and shall be cred-
10 ited to this account and remain available until expended;
11 \$33,500,000 shall be derived from animal drug user fees
12 authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–12, and shall be credited
13 to this account and remain available until expended;
14 \$25,000,000 shall be derived from generic new animal
15 drug user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–21, and shall
16 be credited to this account and remain available until ex-
17 pended; \$712,000,000 shall be derived from tobacco prod-
18 uct user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 387s, and shall be
19 credited to this account and remain available until ex-
20 pended: *Provided further*, That in addition to and notwith-
21 standing any other provision under this heading, amounts
22 collected for prescription drug user fees, medical device
23 user fees, human generic drug user fees, biosimilar biologi-
24 cal product user fees, animal drug user fees, and generic
25 new animal drug user fees that exceed the respective fiscal

1 year 2024 limitations are appropriated and shall be credited to this account and remain available until expended: *Provided further*, That fees derived from prescription drug, medical device, human generic drug, biosimilar biological product, animal drug, and generic new animal drug assessments for fiscal year 2024, including any such fees collected prior to fiscal year 2024 but credited for fiscal year 2024, shall be subject to the fiscal year 2024 limitations: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may accept payment during fiscal year 2024 of user fees specified under this heading and authorized for fiscal year 2025, prior to the due date for such fees, and that amounts of such fees assessed for fiscal year 2025 for which the Secretary accepts payment in fiscal year 2024 shall not be included in amounts under this heading: *Provided further*, That none of these funds shall be used to develop, establish, or operate any program of user fees authorized by 31 U.S.C. 9701: *Provided further*, That of the total amount appropriated: (1) \$1,190,536,000 shall be for the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition and related field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs, of which no less than \$15,000,000 shall be used for inspections of foreign seafood manufacturers and field examinations of imported seafood; (2) \$2,316,063,000 shall be for the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research and related

1 field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs, of which
2 no less than \$10,000,000 shall be for pilots to increase
3 unannounced foreign inspections and shall remain avail-
4 able until expended; (3) \$492,314,000 shall be for the
5 Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research and for re-
6 lated field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs;
7 (4) \$283,678,000 shall be for the Center for Veterinary
8 Medicine and for related field activities in the Office of
9 Regulatory Affairs; (5) \$739,854,000 shall be for the Cen-
10 ter for Devices and Radiological Health and for related
11 field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs; (6)
12 \$76,534,000 shall be for the National Center for Toxi-
13 cological Research; (7) \$677,165,000 shall be for the Cen-
14 ter for Tobacco Products and for related field activities
15 in the Office of Regulatory Affairs; (8) \$214,304,000 shall
16 be for Rent and Related activities, of which \$55,729,000
17 is for White Oak Consolidation, other than the amounts
18 paid to the General Services Administration for rent; (9)
19 \$227,708,000 shall be for payments to the General Serv-
20 ices Administration for rent; and (10) \$360,874,000 shall
21 be for other activities, including the Office of the Commis-
22 sioner of Food and Drugs, the Office of Food Policy and
23 Response, the Office of Operations, the Office of the Chief
24 Scientist, and central services for these offices: *Provided*
25 *further*, That not to exceed \$25,000 of this amount shall

1 be for official reception and representation expenses, not
2 otherwise provided for, as determined by the Commis-
3 sioner: *Provided further*, That any transfer of funds pursu-
4 ant to, and for the administration of, section 770(n) of
5 the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.
6 379dd(n)) shall only be from amounts made available
7 under this heading for other activities and shall not exceed
8 \$2,000,000: *Provided further*, That of the amounts that
9 are made available under this heading for “other activi-
10 ties”, and that are not derived from user fees, \$1,500,000
11 shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriation
12 for “Department of Health and Human Services—Office
13 of Inspector General” for oversight of the programs and
14 operations of the Food and Drug Administration and shall
15 be in addition to funds otherwise made available for over-
16 sight of the Food and Drug Administration: *Provided fur-*
17 *ther*, That funds may be transferred from one specified
18 activity to another with the prior approval of the Commit-
19 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

20 In addition, mammography user fees authorized by
21 42 U.S.C. 263b, export certification user fees authorized
22 by 21 U.S.C. 381, priority review user fees authorized by
23 21 U.S.C. 360n and 360ff, food and feed recall fees, food
24 reinspection fees, and voluntary qualified importer pro-
25 gram fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–31, outsourcing

1 facility fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–62, prescription
2 drug wholesale distributor licensing and inspection fees
3 authorized by 21 U.S.C. 353(e)(3), third-party logistics
4 provider licensing and inspection fees authorized by 21
5 U.S.C. 360eee–3(c)(1), third-party auditor fees authorized
6 by 21 U.S.C. 384d(c)(8), medical countermeasure priority
7 review voucher user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 360bbb–
8 4a, and fees relating to over-the-counter monograph drugs
9 authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–72 shall be credited to this
10 account, to remain available until expended.

11 FDA INNOVATION ACCOUNT, CURES ACT

12 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

13 For necessary expenses to carry out the purposes de-
14 scribed under section 1002(b)(4) of the 21st Century
15 Cures Act, in addition to amounts available for such pur-
16 poses under the heading “Salaries and Expenses”,
17 \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
18 *vided*, That amounts appropriated in this paragraph are
19 appropriated pursuant to section 1002(b)(3) of the 21st
20 Century Cures Act, are to be derived from amounts trans-
21 ferred under section 1002(b)(2)(A) of such Act, and may
22 be transferred by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs
23 to the appropriation for “Department of Health and
24 Human Services Food and Drug Administration Salaries
25 and Expenses” solely for the purposes provided in such

1 Act: *Provided further*, That upon a determination by the
2 Commissioner that funds transferred pursuant to the pre-
3 vious proviso are not necessary for the purposes provided,
4 such amounts may be transferred back to the account:
5 *Provided further*, That such transfer authority is in addi-
6 tion to any other transfer authority provided by law.

7 INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

8 COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

9 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

10 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions
11 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1 et seq.), in-
12 cluding the purchase and hire of passenger motor vehicles,
13 and the rental of space (to include multiple year leases),
14 in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, \$345,000,000,
15 including not to exceed \$3,000 for official reception and
16 representation expenses, and not to exceed \$25,000 for the
17 expenses for consultations and meetings hosted by the
18 Commission with foreign governmental and other regu-
19 latory officials, of which not less than \$20,000,000 shall
20 remain available until September 30, 2025, and of which
21 not less than \$4,218,000 shall be for expenses of the Of-
22 fice of the Inspector General: *Provided*, That notwith-
23 standing the limitations in 31 U.S.C. 1553, amounts pro-
24 vided under this heading are available for the liquidation
25 of obligations equal to current year payments on leases

1 entered into prior to the date of enactment of this Act:
2 *Provided further*, That for the purpose of recording and
3 liquidating any lease obligations that should have been re-
4 corded and liquidated against accounts closed pursuant to
5 31 U.S.C. 1552, and consistent with the preceding pro-
6 viso, such amounts shall be transferred to and recorded
7 in a no-year account in the Treasury, which has been es-
8 tablished for the sole purpose of recording adjustments for
9 and liquidating such unpaid obligations.

10 FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

11 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

12 Not to exceed \$94,300,000 (from assessments col-
13 lected from farm credit institutions, including the Federal
14 Agricultural Mortgage Corporation) shall be obligated
15 during the current fiscal year for administrative expenses
16 as authorized under 12 U.S.C. 2249: *Provided*, That this
17 limitation shall not apply to expenses associated with re-
18 ceiverships: *Provided further*, That the agency may exceed
19 this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification to the
20 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
21 gress: *Provided further*, That the purposes of section
22 3.7(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C.
23 2128(b)(2)(A)(i)), the Farm Credit Administration may
24 exempt, an amount in its sole discretion, from the applica-
25 tion of the limitation provided in that clause of export

1 loans described in the clause guaranteed or insured in a
2 manner other than described in subclause (II) of the
3 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 2024
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, 2025, 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 \$1,573,666,000,
19 as follows: Child Nutrition Programs Entitlement Com-
20 modities—\$485,000,000; State Option Contracts—
21 \$5,000,000; Removal of Defective Commodities—
22 \$2,500,000; Administration of section 32 Commodity Pur-
23 chases—\$37,178,000: *Provided*, That none of the funds
24 made available in this Act or any other Act shall be used
25 for salaries and expenses to carry out in this fiscal year

1 section 19(i)(1)(E) of the Richard B. Russell National
2 School Lunch Act, as amended, except in an amount that
3 excludes the transfer of \$195,000,000 of the funds to be
4 transferred under subsection (c) of section 14222 of Pub-
5 lic Law 110-246, until October 1, 2024: *Provided further,*
6 That \$195,000,000 made available on October 1, 2024,
7 to carry out section 19(i)(1)(E) of the Richard B. Russell
8 National School Lunch Act, as amended, shall be excluded
9 from the limitation described in subsection (b)(2)(A)(x) of
10 section 14222 of Public Law 110-246 for fiscal year 2025:
11 *Provided further,* That, none of the funds appropriated or
12 otherwise made available by this or any other Act shall
13 be used during fiscal year 2024 to pay the salaries or ex-
14 penses of any employee of the Department of Agriculture
15 to carry out clause (3) of section 32 of the Agricultural
16 Adjustment Act of 1935 (Public Law 74-320, 7 U.S.C.
17 612c, as amended), or subsections (a) through (g) of sec-
18 tion 5 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act:
19 *Provided further,* That of the available unobligated bal-
20 ances under (b)(2)(A)(x) for fiscal year 2024 of section
21 14222 of Public Law 110-246, \$505,000,000 are re-
22 scinded.

23 SEC. 715. None of the funds appropriated by this or
24 any other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and ex-
25 penses of personnel who prepare or submit appropriations

1 language as part of the President’s budget submission to
2 the Congress for programs under the jurisdiction of the
3 Appropriations Subcommittees on Agriculture, Rural De-
4 velopment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related
5 Agencies that assumes revenues or reflects a reduction
6 from the previous year due to user fees proposals that
7 have not been enacted into law prior to the submission
8 of the budget unless such budget submission identifies
9 which additional spending reductions should occur in the
10 event the user fees proposals are not enacted prior to the
11 date of the convening of a committee of conference for
12 the fiscal year 2024 appropriations Act.

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

1 (1) creates new programs;

2 (2) eliminates a program, project, or activity;

3 (3) increases funds or personnel by any means
4 for any project or activity for which funds have been
5 denied or restricted;

6 (4) relocates an office or employees;

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

8 or

9 (6) contracts out or privatizes any functions or
10 activities presently performed by Federal employees;

11 unless the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of
12 Health and Human Services, or the Chairman of the Com-
13 modity Futures Trading Commission (as the case may be)
14 notifies in writing and receives approval from the Commit-
15 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least
16 30 days in advance of the reprogramming of such funds
17 or the use of such authority.

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

1 authorities referred to in subsection (a) involving funds
2 in excess of \$500,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less,
3 that—

4 (1) augments existing programs, projects, or ac-
5 tivities;

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

9 (3) results from any general savings from a re-
10 duction in personnel which would result in a change
11 in existing programs, activities, or projects as ap-
12 proved by Congress;

13 unless the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of
14 Health and Human Services, or the Chairman of the Com-
15 modity Futures Trading Commission (as the case may be)
16 notifies in writing and receives approval from the Commit-
17 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least
18 30 days in advance of the reprogramming or transfer of
19 such funds or the use of such authority.

20 (c) The Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of
21 Health and Human Services, or the Chairman of the Com-
22 modity Futures Trading Commission shall notify in writ-
23 ing and receive approval from the Committees on Appro-
24 priations of both Houses of Congress before implementing
25 any program or activity not carried out during the pre-

1 vious fiscal year unless the program or activity is funded
2 by this Act or specifically funded by any other Act.

3 (d) None of the funds provided by this Act, or pro-
4 vided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies
5 funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or
6 expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from
7 any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of
8 fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be
9 available for—

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

16 (2) realigning or reorganizing new, current, or
17 vacant positions or agency activities or functions to
18 establish a center, office, branch, or similar entity
19 with three or more personnel; or

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

22 unless the agencies funded by this Act notify, in writing,
23 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
24 gress at least 30 days in advance of using the funds for
25 these purposes.

1 (e) As described in this section, no funds may be used
2 for any activities unless the Secretary of Agriculture, the
3 Secretary of Health and Human Services, or the Chair-
4 man of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission re-
5 ceives from the Committee on Appropriations of both
6 Houses of Congress written or electronic mail confirma-
7 tion of receipt of the notification as required in this sec-
8 tion.

9 SEC. 717. Notwithstanding section 310B(g)(5) of the
10 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
11 1932(g)(5)), the Secretary may assess a one-time fee for
12 any guaranteed business and industry loan in an amount
13 that does not exceed 3 percent of the guaranteed principal
14 portion of the loan.

15 SEC. 718. None of the funds appropriated or other-
16 wise made available to the Department of Agriculture, the
17 Food and Drug Administration, the Commodity Futures
18 Trading Commission, or the Farm Credit Administration
19 shall be used to transmit or otherwise make available re-
20 ports, questions, or responses to questions that are a re-
21 sult of information requested for the appropriations hear-
22 ing process to any non-Department of Agriculture, non-
23 Department of Health and Human Services, non-Com-
24 modity Futures Trading Commission, or non-Farm Credit
25 Administration employee.

1 SEC. 719. Unless otherwise authorized by existing
2 law, none of the funds provided in this Act, may be used
3 by an executive branch agency to produce any pre-
4 packaged news story intended for broadcast or distribution
5 in the United States unless the story includes a clear noti-
6 fication within the text or audio of the prepackaged news
7 story that the prepackaged news story was prepared or
8 funded by that executive branch agency.

9 SEC. 720. No employee of the Department of Agri-
10 culture may be detailed or assigned from an agency or
11 office funded by this Act or any other Act to any other
12 agency or office of the Department for more than 60 days
13 in a fiscal year unless the individual's employing agency
14 or office is fully reimbursed by the receiving agency or
15 office for the salary and expenses of the employee for the
16 period of assignment.

17 SEC. 721. Not later than 30 days after the date of
18 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, the
19 Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, the
20 Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commis-
21 sion, and the Chairman of the Farm Credit Administra-
22 tion shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of
23 both Houses of Congress a detailed spending plan by pro-
24 gram, project, and activity for all the funds made available

1 under this Act including appropriated user fees, as defined
2 in the report accompanying this Act.

3 SEC. 722. Of the unobligated balances from amounts
4 made available to the Secretary of Agriculture in section
5 22002(a)(1) of Public Law 117-169, \$500,000,000 are
6 hereby rescinded.

7 SEC. 723. For the purposes of determining eligibility
8 or level of program assistance for Rural Development pro-
9 grams the Secretary shall not include incarcerated prison
10 populations.

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

20 SEC. 725. None of the credit card refunds or rebates
21 transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to sec-
22 tion 729 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and
23 Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropria-
24 tions Act, 2002 (7 U.S.C. 2235a; Public Law 107-76)
25 shall be available for obligation without written notifica-

1 tion to, and the prior approval of, the Committees on Ap-
2 propriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided*, That
3 the refunds or rebates so transferred shall be available for
4 obligation only for the acquisition of property, plant and
5 equipment, including equipment for the improvement, de-
6 livery, and implementation of Departmental financial
7 management, information technology, and other support
8 systems necessary for the delivery of financial, administra-
9 tive, and information technology services, including cloud
10 adoption and migration, of primary benefit to the agencies
11 of the Department of Agriculture.

12 SEC. 726. For fiscal year 2024, the Secretary shall
13 establish a process under which an establishment that is
14 subject to examination and inspection under section 6 of
15 the Federal Meat Inspection Act solely due to the estab-
16 lishment's processing of domestic, wild caught, invasive
17 blue catfish (*Ictalurus furcatus*) solely for domestic con-
18 sumption or use, may apply for a waiver of such examina-
19 tion and inspection requirements if the establishment is
20 subject to inspection under the Seafood Hazard Analysis
21 Critical Control Points Program of the Food and Drug
22 Administration and the establishment attests that it ap-
23 plies existing Seafood Hazard Critical Control Points Pro-
24 gram for all species processed at the establishment.

1 SEC. 727. None of the funds made available by this
2 Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce the
3 “variety” requirements of the final rule entitled “Enhanc-
4 ing Retailer Standards in the Supplemental Nutrition As-
5 sistance Program (SNAP)” published by the Department
6 of Agriculture in the Federal Register on December 15,
7 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 90675) until the Secretary of Agri-
8 culture amends the definition of the term “variety” as de-
9 fined in section 278.1(b)(1)(ii)(C) of title 7, Code of Fed-
10 eral Regulations, and “variety” as applied in the definition
11 of the term “staple food” as defined in section 271.2 of
12 title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, to increase the num-
13 ber of items that qualify as acceptable varieties in each
14 staple food category so that the total number of such items
15 in each staple food category exceeds the number of such
16 items in each staple food category included in the final
17 rule as published on December 15, 2016: *Provided*, That
18 until the Secretary promulgates such regulatory amend-
19 ments, the Secretary shall apply the requirements regard-
20 ing acceptable varieties and breadth of stock to Supple-
21 mental Nutrition Assistance Program retailers that were
22 in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of
23 the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–79).

24 SEC. 728. Section 756 of division N of the Consoli-
25 dated Appropriations Act, 2021 (7 U.S.C. 2254c), is

1 amended by striking “each of fiscal years 2021 and 2022”
2 and inserting “fiscal year 2021 and each fiscal year there-
3 after”.

4 SEC. 729. In carrying out subsection (h) of section
5 502 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472), the
6 Secretary of Agriculture shall have the same authority
7 with respect to loans guaranteed under such section and
8 eligible lenders for such loans as the Secretary has under
9 subsections (h) and (j) of section 538 of such Act (42
10 U.S.C. 1490p–2) with respect to loans guaranteed under
11 such section 538 and eligible lenders for such loans.

12 SEC. 730. None of the funds appropriated or other-
13 wise made available by this Act shall be available for the
14 United States Department of Agriculture to propose, fi-
15 nalize or implement any regulation that would promulgate
16 new user fees pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9701 after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act.

18 SEC. 731. Of the unobligated balances from amounts
19 made available for the supplemental nutrition program as
20 authorized by section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of
21 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786), \$500,000,000 are hereby re-
22 scinded: *Provided*, That no amounts may be rescinded
23 from amounts that were designated by the Congress as
24 an emergency requirement pursuant to a Concurrent Res-

1 olution on the Budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-
2 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

3 SEC. 732. 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. 1031
10 et seq., for the cost of inspection services provided outside
11 of an establishment's approved inspection shifts, and for
12 inspection services provided on Federal holidays: *Provided*,
13 That any sums charged pursuant to this paragraph shall
14 be deemed as overtime pay or holiday pay under section
15 1001(d) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public
16 Law 117-2, 135 Stat. 242): *Provided further*, That sums
17 received by the Secretary under this paragraph shall, in
18 addition to other available funds, remain available until
19 expended to the Secretary without further appropriation
20 for the purpose of funding all costs associated with FSIS
21 inspections.

22 SEC. 733. Of the unobligated balances from amounts
23 made available to the Secretary of Agriculture in section
24 9003(j)(1) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment
25 Act of 2002, \$1,000,000,000 are hereby rescinded.

1 SEC. 734. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture shall—

2 (1) conduct audits in a manner that evaluates
3 the following factors in the country or region being
4 audited, as applicable—

5 (A) veterinary control and oversight;

6 (B) disease history and vaccination prac-
7 tices;

8 (C) livestock demographics and
9 traceability;

10 (D) epidemiological separation from poten-
11 tial sources of infection;

12 (E) surveillance practices;

13 (F) diagnostic laboratory capabilities; and

14 (G) emergency preparedness and response;

15 and

16 (2) promptly make publicly available the final
17 reports of any audits or reviews conducted pursuant
18 to subsection (1).

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

22 SEC. 735. (a)(1) No Federal funds made available for
23 this fiscal year for the rural water, waste water, waste dis-
24 posal, and solid waste management programs authorized
25 by sections 306, 306A, 306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B of

1 the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7
2 U.S.C. 1926 et seq.) shall be used for a project for the
3 construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public
4 water or wastewater system unless all of the iron and steel
5 products used in the project are produced in the United
6 States.

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 (d) This section shall be applied in a manner con-
13 sistent with United States obligations under international
14 agreements.

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

21 (f) Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a
22 project for which the engineering plans and specifications
23 include use of iron and steel products otherwise prohibited
24 by such subsection if the plans and specifications have re-

1 ceived required approvals from State agencies prior to the
2 date of enactment of this Act.

3 (g) For purposes of this section, the terms “United
4 States” and “State” shall include each of the several
5 States, the District of Columbia, and each Federally rec-
6 ognized Indian Tribe.

7 SEC. 736. None of the funds appropriated by this Act
8 may be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence
9 congressional action on any legislation or appropriation
10 matters pending before Congress, other than to commu-
11 nicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C.
12 1913.

13 SEC. 737. None of the funds made available by this
14 or any other Act thereafter may be used to write, prepare,
15 or publish a proposed rule, final rule, or an interim final
16 rule in furtherance of, or otherwise to implement or en-
17 force the proposed rule entitled “Transparency in Poultry
18 Grower Contracting and Tournaments,” published by the
19 Department of Agriculture in the Federal Register on
20 June 8, 2022 (87 Fed. Reg. 34980 et seq.), the advance
21 notice of proposed rulemaking entitled “Poultry Growing
22 Tournament Systems: Fairness and Related Concerns,”
23 published by the Department of Agriculture in the Federal
24 Register on June 8, 2022 (87 Fed. Reg. 34814) (also
25 identified in the White House Office of Management and

1 Budget’s Fall 2022 Unified Agenda of Regulatory and De-
2 regulatory Actions as “Poultry Growing Tournament Sys-
3 tems: Fairness and Related Concerns—Harm to Competi-
4 tion (AMS-FTPP-22-0046),” RIN 0581-AE18), the pro-
5 posed rule entitled “Inclusive Competition and Market In-
6 tegrity Under the Packers and Stockyards Act,” published
7 by the Department of Agriculture in the Federal Register
8 on October 3, 2022 (87 Fed. Reg. 60010 et seq.), the rule-
9 making identified in the White House Office of Manage-
10 ment and Budget’s Fall 2022 Unified Agenda of Regu-
11 latory and Deregulatory Actions as “Unfair Practices,
12 Undue Preferences, and Harm to Competition Under the
13 Packers and Stockyards Act (AMS-FTPP-21-0046),”
14 RIN 0581-AE04, or any subsequent substantially similar
15 rulemaking effort, except that funds may be used to, and
16 the Secretary of Agriculture shall, withdraw or rescind any
17 such proposed rules, advance notices of proposed rule-
18 making, and any such rules that may have been finalized.

19 SEC. 738. None of the funds appropriated or other-
20 wise made available to the U.S. Department of Agriculture
21 may be used to increase the number of positions in the
22 Department (measured on a full-time equivalent basis) for
23 which the primary duty station is located in the National
24 Capital Region unless otherwise specified in the report ac-
25 companying this Act.

1 (1) The term “National Capital Region” means
2 the District of Columbia; Montgomery and Prince
3 George’s Counties of Maryland; and Arlington, Fair-
4 fax, Loudoun, and Prince William Counties of Vir-
5 ginia.

6 SEC. 739. (a) There is hereby appropriated
7 \$2,000,000, to remain available until expended, for the
8 Secretary of Agriculture to carry out no more than 5 pilot
9 projects, under the terms and conditions determined by
10 the Secretary for a period not to exceed 3 years and with-
11 out increasing household benefit allotments as authorized
12 by section 8 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
13 U.S.C. 2017), that allow the use of supplemental nutrition
14 assistance program benefits to purchase only nutrient-
15 dense foods and beverages (as defined in the 2020-2025
16 Dietary Guidelines for Americans), of which 1 or more of
17 such projects shall be carried out before December 21,
18 2024.

19 (b) Not later than 6 months after the first pilot
20 project under subsection (a) begins, the Secretary shall
21 enter into a contract with the National Academies of
22 Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to—

23 (1) evaluate the pilot project or projects carried
24 out under subsection (a); and

1 (2) provide the results of such evaluation not
2 later than 18 months after the date of such con-
3 tract.

4 SEC. 740. Of the total amounts made available by
5 this Act for direct loans and grants under the following
6 headings: “Rural Housing Service—Rural Housing Insur-
7 ance Fund Program Account”; “Rural Housing Service—
8 Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants”; “Rural Housing
9 Service—Rural Housing Assistance Grants”; “Rural
10 Housing Service—Rural Community Facilities Program
11 Account”; “Rural Business-Cooperative Service—Rural
12 Business Program Account”; “Rural Business-Coopera-
13 tive Service—Rural Economic Development Loans Pro-
14 gram Account”; “Rural Business-Cooperative Service—
15 Rural Cooperative Development Grants”; “Rural Busi-
16 ness-Cooperative Service—Rural Microentrepreneur As-
17 sistance Program”; “Rural Utilities Service—Rural Water
18 and Waste Disposal Program Account”; “Rural Utilities
19 Service—Rural Electrification and Telecommunications
20 Loans Program Account”; and “Rural Utilities Service—
21 Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Pro-
22 gram”, to the maximum extent feasible, at least 10 per-
23 cent of the funds shall be allocated for assistance in per-
24 sistent poverty counties under this section, including, not-
25 withstanding any other provision regarding population

1 limits, any county seat of such a persistent poverty county
2 that has a population that does not exceed the authorized
3 population limit by more than 10 percent: *Provided*, That
4 for purposes of this section, the term “persistent poverty
5 counties” means any county that has had 20 percent or
6 more of its population living in poverty over the past 30
7 years, as measured by the 1990 and 2000 decennial cen-
8 suses, and 2007–2011 American Community Survey 5-
9 year average, or any territory or possession of the United
10 States: *Provided further*, That with respect to specific ac-
11 tivities for which program levels have been made available
12 by this Act that are not supported by budget authority,
13 the requirements of this section shall be applied to such
14 program level.

15 SEC. 741. There is rescinded the unobligated bal-
16 ances of amounts made available under section 1006 of
17 the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (7 U.S.C. 2279
18 note).

19 SEC. 742. None of the funds made available by this
20 Act may be used to notify a sponsor or otherwise acknowl-
21 edge receipt of a submission for an exemption for inves-
22 tigational use of a drug or biological product under section
23 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21
24 U.S.C. 355(i)) or section 351(a)(3) of the Public Health
25 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262(a)(3)) in research in which

1 a human embryo is intentionally created or modified to
2 include a heritable genetic modification. Any such submis-
3 sion shall be deemed to have not been received by the Sec-
4 retary, and the exemption may not go into effect.

5 SEC. 743. None of the funds made available by this
6 or any other Act may be used to enforce the final rule
7 promulgated by the Food and Drug Administration enti-
8 tled “Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing,
9 and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption,” and
10 published on November 27, 2015, with respect to the regu-
11 lation of entities that grow, harvest, pack, or hold wine
12 grapes, hops, pulse crops, or almonds.

13 SEC. 744. For school years 2023–2024 and 2024–
14 2025, none of the funds made available by this Act may
15 be used to implement or enforce the matter following the
16 first comma in the second sentence of footnote (c) of sec-
17 tion 220.8(c) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, with
18 respect to the substitution of vegetables for fruits under
19 the school breakfast program established under section 4
20 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773).

21 SEC. 745. None of the funds made available by this
22 Act or any other Act may be used—

23 (1) in contravention of section 7606 of the Ag-
24 ricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 5940), subtitle G
25 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, or sec-

1 tion 10114 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of
2 2018; or

3 (2) to prohibit the transportation, processing,
4 sale, or use of hemp, or seeds of such plant, that is
5 grown or cultivated in accordance with section 7606
6 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 or subtitle G of the
7 Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, within or out-
8 side the State in which the hemp is grown or cul-
9 tivated.

10 SEC. 746. The Secretary of Agriculture may waive
11 the matching funds requirement under section 412(g) of
12 the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Re-
13 form Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7632(g)).

14 SEC. 747. The Secretary, as part of the report on
15 foreign landholding required under the Agricultural For-
16 eign Investment Disclosure Act (Public Law 95–460),
17 shall report to Congress on foreign investments in agricul-
18 tural land in the United States, including the impact for-
19 eign ownership has on family farms, rural communities,
20 and the domestic food supply: *Provided*, That within 2
21 years after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
22 establish a streamlined process for electronic submission
23 and retention of disclosures made under the Agricultural
24 Foreign Investment Disclosure Act, including an internet
25 database that contains disaggregated data from each dis-

1 closure submitted: *Provided further*, That all prior year dis-
2 closures of foreign investments in agricultural land in the
3 United States are published in the database: *Provided fur-*
4 *ther*, That the plan includes a process to ensure the protec-
5 tion of personally identifiable information and that all dis-
6 closures of foreign investments in agricultural land on the
7 USDA website be disaggregated by: (1) in any case in
8 which such foreign person is an individual, the citizenship
9 of such foreign person; and (2) in any case in which such
10 foreign person is not an individual or a government, the
11 nature of the legal entity holding the interest, the country
12 in which such foreign person is created or organized, and
13 the principal place of business of such foreign person.

14 SEC. 748. There is rescinded the unobligated bal-
15 ances of amounts made available under section 22006 of
16 Public Law 117-169 (136 Stat. 2021).

17 SEC. 749. (a) After the effective date of any final rule
18 FDA publishes in connection with its proposed rule to up-
19 date these requirements (87 Federal Register 59168,
20 issued on September 29, 2022), manufacturers may also
21 continue to comply with the previous requirements pro-
22 mulgated by the FDA for the implied nutrient content
23 claim “healthy” through the “compliance date” FDA pro-
24 vides in the final rule.

1 (b) Any food product manufactured and labeled as
2 “healthy” during the compliance period FDA provides in
3 that final rule shall not be directly or indirectly subject
4 to any state-law requirements that are not identical to ei-
5 ther (i) the federal requirements for the implied nutrition
6 content claim “healthy” that were in effect as of the date
7 FDA issues the final rule, or (ii) the updated federal re-
8 quirements that FDA promulgates in the final rule, as-
9 suming the updated requirements go into effect during the
10 regulatory compliance period.

11 SEC. 750. Funds made available under title II of the
12 Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.) may only be
13 used to provide assistance to recipient nations if adequate
14 monitoring and controls, as determined by the Adminis-
15 trator, are in place to ensure that emergency food aid is
16 received by the intended beneficiaries in areas affected by
17 food shortages and not diverted for unauthorized or inap-
18 propriate purposes.

19 SEC. 751. None of the funds made available by this
20 Act may be used to procure raw or processed poultry prod-
21 ucts imported into the United States from the People’s
22 Republic of China for use in the school lunch program
23 under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act
24 (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), the Child and Adult Care Food
25 Program under section 17 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1766),

1 the Summer Food Service Program for Children under
2 section 13 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1761), or the school
3 breakfast program under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966
4 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.).

5 SEC. 752. (a) Subject to subsection (c), none of the
6 funds made available by this Act may be used to finalize,
7 issue, implement, administer, or enforce any rule, regula-
8 tion, or order that, pursuant to any revisions to the whole
9 grain requirements under section 246.10 of title 7, Code
10 of Federal Regulations, required by such rule, regulation,
11 or order, would reduce the availability of WIC-eligible
12 breakfast cereals, including the rule entitled “Special Sup-
13 plemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and
14 Children (WIC): Revisions to the WIC Food Packages”
15 published by the Department of Agriculture in the Federal
16 Register on November 21, 2022 (87 Fed. Reg. 71090).

17 (b) The Secretary of Agriculture shall carry out a
18 study—

19 (1) on the revisions of such whole grain
20 requirements pursuant to such rule; and

21 (2) that is representative of all States.

22 (c) If the study required under subsection (b) dem-
23 onstrates that such revisions will not limit consumption
24 due to marketplace availability or reduce the redemption
25 of WIC-authorized breakfast cereal, beginning on the date

1 on which the Secretary publishes the results of such study,
2 the limitation under subsection (a) shall not apply.

3 SEC. 753. For school year 2024–2025, only a school
4 food authority that had a negative balance in the nonprofit
5 school food service account as of June 30, 2023, shall be
6 required to establish a price for paid lunches in accordance
7 with section 12(p) of the Richard B. Russell National
8 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(p)).

9 SEC. 754. None of the funds made available by this
10 Act may be made available to support, directly or indi-
11 rectly, the Wuhan Institute of Virology, or any laboratory
12 owned or controlled by the governments of the People’s
13 Republic of China, the Republic of Cuba, the Islamic Re-
14 public of Iran, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea,
15 the Russian Federation, the Bolivarian Republic of Ven-
16 ezuela under the regime of Nicolás Maduro Moros, or any
17 other country determined by the Secretary of State to be
18 a foreign adversary.

19 SEC. 755. Any funds made available by this or any
20 other Act that the Secretary withholds pursuant to section
21 1668(g)(2) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and
22 Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5921(g)(2)), as amended,
23 shall be available for grants for biotechnology risk assess-
24 ment research: *Provided*, That the Secretary may transfer

1 such funds among appropriations of the Department of
2 Agriculture for purposes of making such grants.

3 SEC. 756. Notwithstanding any other provision of
4 law, no funds available to the Department of Agriculture
5 may be used to move any staff office or any agency from
6 the mission area in which it was located on August 1,
7 2018, to any other mission area or office within the De-
8 partment in the absence of the enactment of specific legis-
9 lation affirming such move.

10 SEC. 757. None of the funds made available by this
11 Act may be used to carry out any program, project, or
12 activity that promotes or advances Critical Race Theory
13 or any concept associated with Critical Race Theory.

14 SEC. 758. The Secretary, acting through the Chief
15 of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, may use
16 funds appropriated under this Act or any other Act for
17 the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program
18 and the Watershed Rehabilitation Program carried out
19 pursuant to the Watershed Protection and Flood Preven-
20 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), and for the Emergency
21 Watershed Protection Program carried out pursuant to
22 section 403 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (16
23 U.S.C. 2203) to provide technical services for such pro-
24 grams pursuant to section 1252(a)(1) of the Food Secu-

1 rity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3851(a)(1)), notwithstanding
2 subsection (c) of such section.

3 SEC. 759. In administering the pilot program estab-
4 lished by section 779 of division A of the Consolidated Ap-
5 propriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141), the Sec-
6 retary of Agriculture may, for purposes of determining en-
7 tities eligible to receive assistance, consider those commu-
8 nities which are “Areas Rural in Character”: *Provided*,
9 That not more than 10 percent of the funds made avail-
10 able under the heading “Distance Learning, Telemedicine,
11 and Broadband Program” for the purposes of the pilot
12 program established by section 779 of Public Law 115–
13 141 may be used for this purpose.

14 SEC. 760. None of the funds made available by this
15 Act may be used to pay the salaries or expenses of per-
16 sonnel—

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

19 (2) to inspect horses under section 903 of the
20 Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of
21 1996 (7 U.S.C. 1901 note; Public Law 104–127); or

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

1 SEC. 761. (a) The modifications made by the Food
2 and Drug Administration on January 3, 2023 to the risk
3 evaluation and mitigation strategy under section 505-1 of
4 the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.
5 355-1) for mifepristone are hereby nullified.

6 (b) None of the funds made available by this Act may
7 be used to establish, implement, or enforce—

8 (1) any provision of a risk evaluation and miti-
9 gation strategy under section 505-1 of the Federal
10 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355-1)
11 for mifepristone that is substantially similar to any
12 of the modifications nullified by subsection (a); or

13 (2) any non-enforcement or enforcement discre-
14 tion policy for any provision of a risk evaluation and
15 mitigation strategy under such section for
16 mifepristone.

17 SEC. 762. None of the funds appropriated or other-
18 wise made available by this Act may be used by FDA to
19 develop, issue, promote, or advance any new guidelines or
20 regulations applicable to food manufacturers for popu-
21 lation-wide sodium reduction actions until the issuance of
22 the 2025-2026 National Health and Nutrition Examina-
23 tion Survey (NHANES) survey that will show consumer
24 sodium consumption after the completion of the short-
25 term sodium reduction targets.

1 SEC. 763. Within 60 days of enactment of this Act
2 the Secretary shall provide to the Committees a plan for
3 expenditure that accelerates the continued implementation
4 and expansion of the Farmers.gov application and the En-
5 terprise Data Analytics Platform and Toolset (EDAPT)
6 to enable USDA users to: (1) view their information, com-
7 plete transactions, quickly review the status, and update
8 tabular customer information; (2) submit applications for
9 Farm Production and Conservation programs and receive
10 program payments for all USDA farm programs; (3) to
11 complete their own applications, including electronic sig-
12 natures and submission, for all farm programs that re-
13 quire direct application; (4) enable electronic income re-
14 porting between USDA and IRS; and (5) transition acre-
15 age reporting, farm records mapping, and farm records
16 information to Farmers.gov: *Provided*, That the Farm
17 Production and Conservation Business Center shall pro-
18 vide a roadmap for systems to be decommissioned and
19 consolidated with Farmers.gov and EDAPT including, but
20 not limited to, the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and
21 Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs, the Dairy Margin
22 Coverage program, and the Farm Service Agency Emer-
23 gency Relief Program.

24 SEC. 764. None of the funds appropriated or other-
25 wise made available by this or any other Act may be used

1 to implement, administer, apply, enforce, or carry out Ex-
2 ecutive Order 13985 of January 20, 2021 (86 Fed. Reg.
3 7009, relating to advancing racial equity and support for
4 underserved communities through the Federal Govern-
5 ment), or the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Equity
6 Action Plan in Support of Executive Order 13985, or any
7 Equity Action Plan created by the Food and Drug Admin-
8 istration, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, or
9 the Farm Credit Administration, or Executive Order
10 14035 of June 25, 2021 (86 Fed. Reg. 34593, relating
11 to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in the Fed-
12 eral workforce), or Executive Order 14091 of February
13 16, 2023 (88 Fed. Reg. 10825, relating to further advanc-
14 ing racial equity and support for underserved communities
15 through the Federal Government), or to create or establish
16 an Office of the Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer.

17 SEC. 765. The Secretary of Agriculture shall take
18 such actions as may be necessary to prohibit the purchase
19 of agricultural land located in the United States by non-
20 resident aliens, foreign businesses, of any agent, trustee,
21 or fiduciary associated with Russia, North Korea, Iran,
22 or the Communist Party of China.

23 SEC. 766. Notwithstanding any other provision of
24 law, during the period beginning on the date of enactment

1 of this Act and ending on the last day of school year 2024-
2 2025, the Secretary of Agriculture shall —

3 (1) allow flavored, low-fat fluid milk to be
4 served —

5 (A) under the school lunch program estab-
6 lished under the Richard B. Russell National
7 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.);

8 (B) under the school breakfast program es-
9 tablished under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966
10 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.);

11 (C) as a competitive food available on cam-
12 pus during the school day; and

13 (D) to children ages 5 years and older
14 under the child and adult care food program es-
15 tablished under section 17 of the Richard B.
16 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.
17 1766); and

18 (2) with respect to weekly sodium limitations to
19 meals and supplements served during such period
20 under the school lunch program established under
21 the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act
22 (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) —

23 (A) exclude sodium used for food safety
24 and functional purposes in cheese-making, as
25 determined by the Secretary in consultation

1 with the Commissioner of the Food and Drug
2 Administration; and

3 (B) if a determination has not been made
4 under subparagraph (A), apply the Target 1 so-
5 dium levels included in the final rule entitled
6 “Nutrition Standards in the National School
7 Lunch and School Breakfast Programs” pub-
8 lished by the Department of Agriculture in the
9 Federal Register on January 26, 2012 (77 Fed.
10 Reg. 4087).

11 SEC. 767. None of the funds made available by this
12 Act may be used to finalize, implement, administer, or en-
13 force any rule that would reduce the maximum monthly
14 allowance with respect to milk under section 246.10 of
15 title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on April
16 1, 2023), including the rule entitled “Special Supple-
17 mental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Chil-
18 dren (WIC): Revisions to the WIC Food Packages” pub-
19 lished by the Department of Agriculture in the Federal
20 Register on November 21, 2022 (87 Fed. Reg. 71090).

21 SEC. 768. None of the funds provided by this Act
22 or provided from any accounts in the Treasury of the
23 United States derived by the collection of fees available
24 to the agencies funded by this Act, may be used by the
25 Secretary of Health and Human Services to finalize, issue,

1 implement, administer, or enforce any rule, regulation, or
2 order setting a tobacco product standard that mandates
3 a maximum nicotine level for cigarettes.

4 SEC. 769. None of the funds provided by this Act,
5 or provided from any accounts in the Treasury of the
6 United States derived by the collection of fees available
7 to the agencies funded by this Act, may be used by the
8 Secretary of Health and Human Services to finalize, issue,
9 or implement any rule, regulation, notice of proposed rule-
10 making, or order setting any tobacco product standard
11 that would prohibit menthol as a characterizing flavor in
12 cigarettes or prohibit characterizing flavors in all cigars
13 and their components and parts.

14 SEC. 770. In this fiscal year and each fiscal year
15 thereafter, and notwithstanding any other provision of
16 law, none of the funds made available by this or any other
17 Act may be used to implement section 3.7(f) of the Farm
18 Credit Act of 1971 in a manner inconsistent with section
19 343(a)(13) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-
20 ment Act.

21 SEC. 771. (a) For an additional amount for the Office
22 of the Secretary, \$2,000,000, to remain available until ex-
23 pended, for the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out no
24 more than 10 pilot projects, under the terms and condi-
25 tions determined by the Secretary for a period not to ex-

1 ceed 2 years, that award grants to an Indian tribe; a tribal
2 organization approved by an Indian tribe; a tribal edu-
3 cational agency; a consortium of Indian tribes; or a part-
4 nership between an Indian tribe and either a State edu-
5 cational agency, a local educational agency, a tribal edu-
6 cational agency, or the Bureau of Indian Education to op-
7 erate and implement the school lunch program as author-
8 ized by the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act
9 (42 U.S.C. 1769), the summer food service program as
10 established under section 13 of the Richard B. Russell Na-
11 tional School Lunch Act, the child and adult care food
12 program as established by section 17 of the Richard B.
13 Russell National School Lunch Act, or the school break-
14 fast program established by the Child Nutrition Act of
15 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773) in either a Bureau-funded school
16 (as defined in section 1141 of the Education Amendments
17 of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 2021)); a school (as defined in section
18 12(d) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch
19 Act (42 U.S.C. 1760 (d)) on or near an Indian reserva-
20 tion; or an early child care and education facility: *Pro-*
21 *vided*, That to carry out this pilot program each grant
22 awarded shall be no less than \$10,000 and no more than
23 \$100,000 for each school year and shall not increase state
24 administrative costs or the amount of benefits provided
25 in any program: *Provided further*, That the term “Indian

1 tribe” has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the
2 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act
3 (25 U.S.C. 5304).

4 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a
5 pilot project grant recipient shall be reimbursed for meals
6 served under the school lunch program, the summer food
7 service program, and the child and adult care food pro-
8 gram as if the recipient were a State under the Richard
9 B. Russell National School Lunch Act; and under the
10 school breakfast program as if the recipient were a State
11 educational agency.

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

15 SEC. 772. None of the funds made available by this
16 Act may be used by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Com-
17 missioner of Food and Drugs, the Chairman of the Com-
18 modity Futures Trading Commission, or the Chairman of
19 the Farm Credit Administration to fly or display a flag
20 over a facility of the Department of Agriculture, the Food
21 and Drug Administration, the Commodity Futures Trad-
22 ing Commission, or the Farm Credit Administration other
23 than the flag of the United States; the flag of a State,
24 territory, or the District of Columbia; the flag of an Indian

1 Tribal Government; the official flag of a U.S. Department
2 or agency; or the POW/MIA flag.

3 SEC. 773. (a) In general.—Notwithstanding section
4 7 of title 1, United States Code, section 1738C of title
5 28, United States Code, or any other provision of law,
6 none of the funds provided by this Act, or previous appro-
7 priations Acts, shall be used in whole or in part to take
8 any discriminatory action against a person, wholly or par-
9 tially, on the basis that such person speaks, or acts, in
10 accordance with a sincerely held religious belief, or moral
11 conviction, that marriage is, or should be recognized as,
12 a union of one man and one woman.

13 (b) Discriminatory action defined.—As used in sub-
14 section (a), a discriminatory action means any action
15 taken by the Federal Government to—

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

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

1 (3) withhold, reduce the amount or funding for,
2 exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or
3 deny, any Federal grant, contract, subcontract, co-
4 operative agreement, guarantee, loan, scholarship, li-
5 cense, certification, accreditation, employment, or
6 other similar position or status from or to such per-
7 son;

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

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

20 (c) Accreditation; Licensure; Certification.—The
21 Federal Government shall consider accredited, licensed, or
22 certified for purposes of Federal law any person that
23 would be accredited, licensed, or certified, respectively, for
24 such purposes but for a determination against such person
25 wholly or partially on the basis that the person speaks,

1 or acts, in accordance with a sincerely held religious belief
2 or moral conviction described in subsection (a).

3 SEC. 774. None of the funds made available by this
4 Act may be used by the Food and Drug Administration
5 to issue, promote, or advance any new guideline or regula-
6 tion applicable to food manufacturers for *Listeria*
7 *monocytogenes* (Lm) until the Food and Drug Adminis-
8 tration, based on the available new science, incorporates
9 into the Compliance Policy Guide (CPG), Guidance for
10 FDA Staff, Sec. 555.320, a tolerance for *Listeria*
11 *monocytogenes* in low-risk foods, meaning foods that do
12 not support the growth of *Listeria monocytogenes*.

13 SEC. 775. The Secretary of Agriculture may not use
14 unobligated balances available under section 22002(a)(1)
15 of Public Law 117-169, after the application of the rescis-
16 sion under section 722 of this Act, to award grants under
17 section 9007 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment
18 Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107).

19 SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT

20 SEC. 776. \$0.

21 This division may be cited as the “Agriculture, Rural
22 Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Re-
23 lated Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024”.

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A BILL

Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

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