

1 DIVISION B—AGRICULTURE, RURAL DE-
2 VELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMIN-
3 ISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCY
4 APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

5 TITLE I

6 AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

7 PROCESSING, RESEARCH, AND MARKETING

8 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

9 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

10 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary,
11 \$46,361,000 of which not to exceed \$7,000,000 shall be
12 available for the immediate Office of the Secretary, of
13 which \$500,000 shall be for the establishment of a Sea-
14 food Industry Liaison; not to exceed \$1,700,000 shall be
15 available for the Office of Homeland Security; not to ex-
16 ceed \$5,190,000 shall be available for the Office of Tribal
17 Relations, of which \$1,000,000 shall be to continue a
18 Tribal Public Health Resource Center at a land grant uni-
19 versity with existing indigenous public health expertise to
20 expand current partnerships and collaborative efforts with
21 indigenous groups to improve the delivery of public health
22 services and functions in American Indian communities fo-
23 cusing on indigenous food sovereignty; not to exceed
24 \$5,250,000 shall be available for the Office of Partner-

1 ships and Public Engagement, of which \$1,500,000 shall
2 be for 7 U.S.C. 2279(c)(5); not to exceed \$18,721,000
3 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary
4 for Administration, of which \$17,015,000 shall be avail-
5 able for Departmental Administration to provide for nec-
6 essary expenses for management support services to of-
7 fices of the Department and for general administration,
8 security, repairs and alterations, and other miscellaneous
9 supplies and expenses not otherwise provided for and nec-
10 essary for the practical and efficient work of the Depart-
11 ment: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to
12 an agency in the Administration mission area for salaries
13 and expenses are available to fund up to one administra-
14 tive support staff for the Office; not to exceed \$3,500,000
15 shall be available for the Office of Assistant Secretary for
16 Congressional Relations and Intergovernmental Affairs to
17 carry out the programs funded by this Act, including pro-
18 grams involving intergovernmental affairs and liaison
19 within the executive branch; and not to exceed \$5,000,000
20 shall be available for the Office of Communications: *Pro-*
21 *vided further*, That the Secretary of Agriculture is author-
22 ized to transfer funds appropriated for any office of the
23 Office of the Secretary to any other office of the Office
24 of the Secretary: *Provided further*, That no appropriation
25 for any office shall be increased or decreased by more than

1 5 percent: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$22,000
2 of the amount made available under this paragraph for
3 the immediate Office of the Secretary shall be available
4 for official reception and representation expenses, not oth-
5 erwise provided for, as determined by the Secretary: *Pro-*
6 *vided further*, That the amount made available under this
7 heading for Departmental Administration shall be reim-
8 bursed from applicable appropriations in this Act for trav-
9 el expenses incident to the holding of hearings as required
10 by 5 U.S.C. 551–558: *Provided further*, That funds made
11 available under this heading for the Office of the Assistant
12 Secretary for Congressional Relations and Intergovern-
13 mental Affairs shall be transferred to agencies of the De-
14 partment of Agriculture funded by this Act to maintain
15 personnel at the agency level: *Provided further*, That no
16 funds made available under this heading for the Office of
17 Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations may be
18 obligated after 30 days from the date of enactment of this
19 Act, unless the Secretary has notified the Committees on
20 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the alloca-
21 tion of these funds by USDA agency: *Provided further*,
22 That during any 30 day notification period referenced in
23 section 716 of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall
24 take no action to begin implementation of the action that

1 is subject to section 716 of this Act or make any public
2 announcement of such action in any form.

3 EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

4 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ECONOMIST

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief
6 Economist, \$29,500,000, of which \$10,000,000 shall be
7 for grants or cooperative agreements for policy research
8 under 7 U.S.C. 3155: *Provided*, That of the amounts made
9 available under this heading, \$2,425,000 shall be for an
10 interdisciplinary center based at a land grant university
11 focused on agricultural policy relevant to the Midwest re-
12 gion which will provide private entities, policymakers, and
13 the public with timely insights and targeted economic solu-
14 tions: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made avail-
15 able under this heading, \$500,000 shall be available to
16 carry out section 224 of subtitle A of the Department of
17 Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6924),
18 as amended by section 12504 of Public Law 115–334.

19 OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

20 For necessary expenses of the Office of Hearings and
21 Appeals, \$14,500,000.

22 OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

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

1 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

2 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief In-
3 formation Officer, \$85,000,000, of which not less than
4 \$60,032,000 is for cybersecurity requirements of the de-
5 partment.

6 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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

9 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CIVIL
10 RIGHTS

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

17 OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

18 For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights,
19 \$30,000,000.

20 AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

21 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For payment of space rental and related costs pursuant to Public Law 92-313, including authorities pursuant to the 1984 delegation of authority from the Administrator of General Services to the Department of Agri-

1 culture under 40 U.S.C. 121, for programs and activities
2 of the Department which are included in this Act, and for
3 alterations and other actions needed for the Department
4 and its agencies to consolidate unneeded space into con-
5 figurations suitable for release to the Administrator of
6 General Services, and for the operation, maintenance, im-
7 provement, and repair of Agriculture buildings and facili-
8 ties, and for related costs, \$15,000,000, to remain avail-
9 able until expended.

10 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

12 For necessary expenses of the Department of Agri-
13 culture, to comply with the Comprehensive Environmental
14 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.
15 9601 et seq.) and the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C.
16 6901 et seq.), \$1,619,000, to remain available until ex-
17 pended: *Provided*, That appropriations and funds available
18 herein to the Department for Hazardous Materials Man-
19 agement may be transferred to any agency of the Depart-
20 ment for its use in meeting all requirements pursuant to
21 the above Acts on Federal and non-Federal lands.

22 OFFICE OF SAFETY, SECURITY, AND PROTECTION

23 For necessary expenses of the Office of Safety, Secu-
24 rity, and Protection, \$24,000,000.

1 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

2 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
3 General, including employment pursuant to the Inspector
4 General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–452; 5 U.S.C. App.),
5 \$103,000,000, including such sums as may be necessary
6 for contracting and other arrangements with public agen-
7 cies and private persons pursuant to section 6(a)(9) of the
8 Inspector General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–452; 5
9 U.S.C. App.), and including not to exceed \$125,000 for
10 certain confidential operational expenses, including the
11 payment of informants, to be expended under the direction
12 of the Inspector General pursuant to the Inspector Gen-
13 eral Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–452; 5 U.S.C. App.) and
14 section 1337 of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981
15 (Public Law 97–98).

16 OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

17 For necessary expenses of the Office of the General
18 Counsel, \$60,537,000.

19 OFFICE OF ETHICS

20 For necessary expenses of the Office of Ethics,
21 \$4,500,000.

22 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH,
23 EDUCATION, AND ECONOMICS

24 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
25 Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics,

1 \$1,884,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
2 Act to an agency in the Research, Education, and Eco-
3 nomics mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-
4 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for
5 the Office: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made
6 available under this heading, \$500,000 shall be made
7 available for the Office of the Chief Scientist.

8 ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE

9 For necessary expenses of the Economic Research
10 Service, \$90,612,000.

11 NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

12 For necessary expenses of the National Agricultural
13 Statistics Service, \$185,000,000, of which up to
14 \$46,000,000 shall be available until expended for the Cen-
15 sus of Agriculture: *Provided*, That amounts made available
16 for the Census of Agriculture may be used to conduct Cur-
17 rent Industrial Report surveys subject to 7 U.S.C.
18 2204g(d) and (f): *Provided further*, That the Secretary
19 shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of both
20 Houses of Congress in writing at least 30 days prior to
21 discontinuing data collection programs and reports.

22 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

23 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

24 For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Research
25 Service and for acquisition of lands by donation, exchange,

1 or purchase at a nominal cost not to exceed \$100,000 and
2 with prior notification and approval of the Committees on
3 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, and for land
4 exchanges where the lands exchanged shall be of equal
5 value or shall be equalized by a payment of money to the
6 grantor which shall not exceed 25 percent of the total
7 value of the land or interests transferred out of Federal
8 ownership, \$1,793,063,000, which shall be for the pur-
9 poses, and in the amounts, specified in the table titled
10 “Agricultural Research Service Salaries and Expenses” in
11 the explanatory statement described in section 4 (in the
12 matter preceding division A of this consolidated Act): *Pro-*
13 *vided*, That appropriations hereunder shall be available for
14 the operation and maintenance of aircraft and the pur-
15 chase of not to exceed one for replacement only: *Provided*
16 *further*, That appropriations hereunder shall be available
17 pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250 for the construction, alteration,
18 and repair of buildings and improvements, but unless oth-
19 erwise provided, the cost of constructing any one building
20 shall not exceed \$500,000, except for headhouses or green-
21 houses which shall each be limited to \$1,800,000, except
22 for 10 buildings to be constructed or improved at a cost
23 not to exceed \$1,100,000 each, and except for four build-
24 ings to be constructed at a cost not to exceed \$5,000,000
25 each, and the cost of altering any one building during the

1 fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of the current re-
2 placement value of the building or \$500,000, whichever
3 is greater: *Provided further*, That appropriations here-
4 under shall be available for entering into lease agreements
5 at any Agricultural Research Service location for the con-
6 struction of a research facility by a non-Federal entity for
7 use by the Agricultural Research Service and a condition
8 of the lease shall be that any facility shall be owned, oper-
9 ated, and maintained by the non-Federal entity and shall
10 be removed 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: *Provided further*, That no later than 60 days from
9 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall pro-
10 vide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both
11 House of Congress that outlines the current funding lev-
12 els, staffing levels, and hiring plans in fiscal year 2026
13 for each research unit: *Provided further*, That the Sec-
14 retary shall include in the department's fiscal year 2027
15 budget request estimates for funding levels, staffing levels,
16 and hiring plans for each research unit: *Provided further*,
17 That appropriations hereunder shall be available for the
18 Experienced Services Program at the Agricultural Re-
19 search Service (16 U.S.C. 3851).

20 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

21 For the acquisition of land, construction, repair, im-
22 provement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed
23 equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agri-
24 cultural research programs of the Department of Agri-
25 culture, where not otherwise provided, \$60,650,000, to re-

1 main available until expended, of which \$57,650,000 shall
2 be for the purposes, and in the amounts, specified for this
3 account in the table titled “Community Project Funding/
4 Congressionally Directed Spending” in the explanatory
5 statement described in section 4 (in the matter preceding
6 division A of this consolidated Act), and of which, in addi-
7 tion to amounts otherwise available, \$3,000,000 shall be
8 for construction and facilities improvements at the Belts-
9 ville Agricultural Research Center.

10 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

11 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

12 For payments to agricultural experiment stations, for
13 cooperative forestry and other research, for facilities, and
14 for other expenses, \$1,075,810,000, which shall be for the
15 purposes, in the amounts, and for the periods of avail-
16 ability specified in the table titled “National Institute of
17 Food and Agriculture, Research and Education Activities”
18 in the explanatory statement described in section 4 (in the
19 matter preceding division A of this consolidated Act), of
20 which \$551,060,000 shall remain available until expended
21 and of which \$7,000,000 shall remain available until Sep-
22 tember 30, 2027: *Provided*, That of the amounts provided
23 under this heading, \$13,560,000 shall be for the purposes,
24 and in the amounts, specified for this account in the table
25 titled “Community Project Funding/Congressionally Di-

1 rected Spending” in the explanatory statement described
2 in section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this
3 consolidated Act), to remain available until expended,
4 which shall not be subject to section 6(c) and section 6(d)
5 of the Research Facilities Act (7 U.S.C. 390d): *Provided*
6 *further*, That each institution eligible to receive funds
7 under the Evans-Allen program receives no less than
8 \$1,000,000: *Provided further*, That funds for education
9 grants for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-serving in-
10 stitutions be made available to individual eligible institu-
11 tions or consortia of eligible institutions with funds award-
12 ed equally to each of the States of Alaska and Hawaii:
13 *Provided further*, That funds for education grants for
14 1890 institutions shall be made available to institutions
15 eligible to receive funds under 7 U.S.C. 3221 and 3222:
16 *Provided further*, That not more than 5 percent of the
17 amounts made available by this or any other Act to carry
18 out the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative under
19 7 U.S.C. 3157 may be retained by the Secretary of Agri-
20 culture to pay administrative costs incurred by the Sec-
21 retary in carrying out that authority.

22 NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND

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

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1 EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

2 For payments to States, the District of Columbia,
3 Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, the
4 Northern Marianas, and American Samoa, \$561,100,000
5 which shall be for the purposes, in the amounts, and for
6 the periods of availability specified in the table titled “Na-
7 tional Institute of Food and Agriculture, Extension Activi-
8 ties” in the explanatory statement described in section 4
9 (in the matter preceding division A of this consolidated
10 Act), of which \$33,500,000 shall remain available until ex-
11 pended: *Provided*, That institutions eligible to receive
12 funds under 7 U.S.C. 3221 for cooperative extension re-
13 ceive no less than \$1,000,000: *Provided further*, That
14 funds for cooperative extension under sections 3(b) and
15 (c) of the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(b) and (c)) and
16 section 208(c) of Public Law 93–471 shall be available
17 for retirement and employees’ compensation costs for ex-
18 tension agents.

19 INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES

20 For the integrated research, education, and extension
21 grants programs, including necessary administrative ex-
22 penses, \$40,100,000, which shall be for the purposes, in
23 the amounts, and for the periods of availability specified
24 in the table titled “National Institute of Food and Agri-
25 culture, Integrated Activities” in the explanatory state-

1 ment described in section 4 (in the matter preceding divi-
2 sion A of this consolidated Act), of which \$8,000,000 shall
3 remain available until September 30, 2027: *Provided*,
4 That notwithstanding any other provision of law, indirect
5 costs shall not be charged against any Extension Imple-
6 mentation Program Area grant awarded under the Crop
7 Protection/Pest Management Program (7 U.S.C. 7626).

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

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

17 ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

18 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

20 For necessary expenses of the Animal and Plant
21 Health Inspection Service, including up to \$30,000 for
22 representation allowances and for expenses pursuant to
23 the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4085),
24 \$1,157,534,000 which shall be for the purposes, in the
25 amounts, and for the periods of availability specified in

1 the table titled “Animal and Plant Health Inspection Serv-
2 ice” in the explanatory statement described in section 4
3 (in the matter preceding division A of this consolidated
4 Act), of which \$594,551,000 shall remain available until
5 expended, of which \$11,384,000 shall be for the purposes,
6 and in the amounts, specified for this account in the table
7 titled “Community Project Funding/Congressionally Di-
8 rected Spending” in the explanatory statement described
9 in section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this
10 consolidated Act), to remain available until expended, and
11 of which \$8,500,000 shall remain available until Sep-
12 tember 30, 2027: *Provided*, That no funds shall be used
13 to formulate or administer a brucellosis eradication pro-
14 gram for the current fiscal year that does not require min-
15 imum matching by the States of at least 40 percent: *Pro-*
16 *vided further*, That this appropriation shall be available
17 for the purchase, replacement, operation, and maintenance
18 of aircraft: *Provided further*, That in addition, in emer-
19 gencies which threaten any segment of the agricultural
20 production industry of the United States, the Secretary
21 may transfer from other appropriations or funds available
22 to the agencies or corporations of the Department such
23 sums as may be deemed necessary, to be available only
24 in such emergencies for the arrest and eradication of con-
25 tagious or infectious disease or pests of animals, poultry,

1 or plants, and for expenses in accordance with sections
2 10411 and 10417 of the Animal Health Protection Act
3 (7 U.S.C. 8310 and 8316) and sections 431 and 442 of
4 the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7751 and 7772), and
5 any unexpended balances of funds transferred for such
6 emergency purposes in the preceding fiscal year shall be
7 merged with such transferred amounts: *Provided further*,
8 That the Secretary must notify the Committees on Appro-
9 priations about any transfer of funds in the preceding pro-
10 viso within 15 days after such transfer being made: *Pro-*
11 *vided further*, That appropriations hereunder shall be
12 available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the repair
13 and alteration of leased buildings and improvements, but
14 unless otherwise provided the cost of altering any one
15 building during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent
16 of the current replacement value of the building.

17 In fiscal year 2026, the agency is authorized to collect
18 fees to cover the total costs of providing technical assist-
19 ance, goods, or services requested by States, other political
20 subdivisions, domestic and international organizations,
21 foreign governments, or individuals, provided that such
22 fees are structured such that any entity's liability for such
23 fees is reasonably based on the technical assistance, goods,
24 or services provided to the entity by the agency, and such
25 fees shall be reimbursed to this account, to remain avail-

1 able until expended, without further appropriation, for
2 providing such assistance, goods, or services.

3 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

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

10 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

11 MARKETING SERVICES

12 For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Marketing
13 Service, \$211,367,000, of which \$6,000,000 shall be avail-
14 able for the purposes of section 12306 of Public Law 113–
15 79, and of which \$1,000,000 shall be available for the pur-
16 poses of section 779 of division A of Public Law 117–
17 103: *Provided*, That of the amounts made available under
18 this heading, \$13,750,000, to remain available until ex-
19 pended, shall be to carry out section 12513 of Public Law
20 115–334, of which \$11,250,000 shall be for dairy business
21 innovation initiatives established in Public Law 116–6 and
22 the Secretary shall take measures to ensure an equal dis-
23 tribution of funds between these three regional innovation
24 initiatives: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall
25 be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alter-

1 ation and repair of buildings and improvements, but the
2 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year
3 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement
4 value of the building.

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

11 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

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

19 FUNDS FOR STRENGTHENING MARKETS, INCOME, AND

20 SUPPLY (SECTION 32)

21 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

22 Funds available under section 32 of the Act of Au-
23 gust 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), shall be used only for com-
24 modity program expenses as authorized therein, and other
25 related operating expenses, except for: (1) transfers to the

1 Department of Commerce as authorized by the Fish and
2 Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a et seq.); (2) trans-
3 fers otherwise provided in this Act; and (3) not more than
4 \$23,880,000 for formulation and administration of mar-
5 keting agreements and orders pursuant to the Agricultural
6 Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 and the Agricultural
7 Act of 1961 (Public Law 87–128).

8 PAYMENTS TO STATES AND POSSESSIONS

9 For payments to departments of agriculture, bureaus
10 and departments of markets, and similar agencies for
11 marketing activities under section 204(b) of the Agricul-
12 tural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1623(b)),
13 \$500,000.

14 LIMITATION ON INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES

15 EXPENSES

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

23 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD SAFETY

24 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
25 Secretary for Food Safety, \$1,117,000: *Provided*, That

1 funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Food
2 Safety mission area for salaries and expenses are available
3 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-
4 fice.

5 FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

6 For necessary expenses to carry out services author-
7 ized by the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry
8 Products Inspection Act, and the Egg Products Inspection
9 Act, including not to exceed \$10,000 for representation
10 allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of the
11 Act approved August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766),
12 \$1,215,200,000; and in addition, \$1,000,000 may be cred-
13 ited to this account from fees collected for the cost of lab-
14 oratory accreditation as authorized by section 1327 of the
15 Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990
16 (7 U.S.C. 138f): *Provided*, That funds provided for the
17 Public Health Data Communication Infrastructure system
18 shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*,
19 That no fewer than 148 full-time equivalent positions shall
20 be employed during fiscal year 2026 for purposes dedi-
21 cated solely to inspections and enforcement related to the
22 Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (7 U.S.C. 1901 et
23 seq.): *Provided further*, That the Food Safety and Inspec-
24 tion Service shall continue implementation of section
25 11016 of Public Law 110–246 as further clarified by the

1 amendments made in section 12106 of Public Law 113–
2 79: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be
3 available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alter-
4 ation and repair of buildings and improvements, but the
5 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year
6 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement
7 value of the building.

1 TITLE II
2 FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION
3 PROGRAMS

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

6 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
7 Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation,
8 \$1,527,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
9 Act to an agency in the Farm Production and Conserva-
10 tion mission area for salaries and expenses are available
11 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-
12 fice.

13 FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION BUSINESS
14 CENTER

15 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
16 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

17 For necessary expenses of the Farm Production and
18 Conservation Business Center, \$167,633,000, of which
19 \$1,000,000 shall be for the implementation of section 773
20 of Public Law 117–328: *Provided*, That \$70,740,000 of
21 amounts appropriated for the current fiscal year pursuant
22 to section 1241(a) of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
23 ment Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841(a)) shall be transferred
24 to and merged with this account.

1 FARM SERVICE AGENCY

2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 For necessary expenses of the Farm Service Agency,
5 \$1,125,000,000, of which not less than \$15,000,000 shall
6 be for the hiring of new employees to fill vacancies and
7 anticipated vacancies at Farm Service Agency county of-
8 fices and farm loan officers and shall be available until
9 September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That the agency shall sub-
10 mit a report by the end of the fourth quarter of fiscal
11 year 2026 to the Committees on Appropriations of both
12 Houses of Congress that identifies for each project/invest-
13 ment that is operational (a) current performance against
14 key indicators of customer satisfaction, (b) current per-
15 formance of service level agreements or other technical
16 metrics, (c) current performance against a pre-established
17 cost baseline, (d) a detailed breakdown of current and
18 planned spending on operational enhancements or up-
19 grades, and (e) an assessment of whether the investment
20 continues to meet business needs as intended as well as
21 alternatives to the investment: *Provided further*, That the
22 Secretary is authorized to use the services, facilities, and
23 authorities (but not the funds) of the Commodity Credit
24 Corporation to make program payments for all programs
25 administered by the Agency: *Provided further*, That other

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

22

STATE MEDIATION GRANTS

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

1 culture may determine that United States territories and
2 Federally recognized Indian tribes are “States” for the
3 purposes of Subtitle A of such Act.

4 GRASSROOTS SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

5 For necessary expenses to carry out wellhead or
6 groundwater protection activities under section 1240O of
7 the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839bb–2),
8 \$7,500,000, to remain available until expended.

9 DAIRY INDEMNITY PROGRAM

10 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

21 GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS AND

22 RANCHERS

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

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

AGRICULTURAL CREDIT INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM

ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For gross obligations for the principal amount of direct and guaranteed farm ownership (7 U.S.C. 1922 et seq.) and operating (7 U.S.C. 1941 et seq.) loans, emergency loans (7 U.S.C. 1961 et seq.), Indian tribe land acquisition loans (25 U.S.C. 5136), boll weevil loans (7 U.S.C. 1989), guaranteed conservation loans (7 U.S.C. 1924 et seq.), to be available from funds in the Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund, as follows: \$3,500,000,000 for guaranteed farm ownership loans and \$2,580,000,000 for farm ownership direct loans; \$2,000,000,000 for unsubsidized guaranteed operating loans and \$1,633,000,000 for direct operating loans; emergency loans, \$14,388,000; Indian tribe land acquisition loans, \$20,000,000; guaranteed conservation loans, \$150,000,000; and for boll weevil eradication program loans, \$60,000,000: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall deem the pink bollworm to be a boll weevil for the purpose of boll weevil eradication program loans.

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

1 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
2 as follows: \$1,000,000 for emergency loans, to remain
3 available until expended; \$32,766,000 for farm ownership
4 direct loans, and \$84,000 for boll weevil eradication pro-
5 gram loans.

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

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

18 RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

19 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

20 For necessary expenses of the Risk Management
21 Agency, \$60,000,000: *Provided*, That \$1,000,000 of the
22 amount appropriated under this heading in this Act shall
23 be available for compliance and integrity activities re-
24 quired under section 516(b)(2)(C) of the Federal Crop In-
25 surance Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1516(b)(2)(C)), and shall

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

5 NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

6 CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

7 For necessary expenses for carrying out the provi-
8 sions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f),
9 including preparation of conservation plans and establish-
10 ment of measures to conserve soil and water (including
11 farm irrigation and land drainage and such special meas-
12 ures for soil and water management as may be necessary
13 to prevent floods and the siltation of reservoirs and to con-
14 trol agricultural related pollutants); operation of conserva-
15 tion plant materials centers; classification and mapping of
16 soil; dissemination of information; acquisition of lands,
17 water, and interests therein for use in the plant materials
18 program by donation, exchange, or purchase at a nominal
19 cost not to exceed \$100 pursuant to the Act of August
20 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 2268a); purchase and erection or alter-
21 ation or improvement of permanent and temporary build-
22 ings; and operation and maintenance of aircraft,
23 \$850,000,000, which shall be for the purposes and in the
24 amounts specified in the table titled “Natural Resources
25 Conservation Service, Conservation Operations” in the ex-

1 planatory statement described in section 4 (in the matter
2 preceding division A of this consolidated Act), to remain
3 available until September 30, 2027, of which \$34,625,000
4 shall for be for the purposes, and in the amounts specified
5 for this account in the table titled “Community Project
6 Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending” in the ex-
7 planatory statement described in section 4 (in the matter
8 preceding division A of this consolidated Act): *Provided*,
9 That appropriations hereunder shall be available pursuant
10 to 7 U.S.C. 2250 for construction and improvement of
11 buildings and public improvements at plant materials cen-
12 ters, except that the cost of alterations and improvements
13 to other buildings and other public improvements shall not
14 exceed \$250,000: *Provided further*, That when buildings
15 or other structures are erected on non-Federal land, that
16 the right to use such land is obtained as provided in 7
17 U.S.C. 2250a.

18 WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

19 For necessary expenses to carry out preventive meas-
20 ures, including but not limited to surveys and investiga-
21 tions, engineering operations, works of improvement, and
22 changes in use of land, in accordance with the Watershed
23 Protection and Flood Prevention Act (16 U.S.C. 1001–
24 1005 and 1007–1009) and in accordance with the provi-
25 sions of laws relating to the activities of the Department,

1 \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which
2 \$32,360,000 shall be for the purposes, and in the
3 amounts, specified for this account in the table titled
4 “Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed
5 Spending” in the explanatory statement described in sec-
6 tion 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this consoli-
7 dated Act): *Provided*, That for funds provided by this Act
8 or any other prior Act, the limitation regarding the size
9 of the watershed or subwatershed exceeding two hundred
10 and fifty thousand acres in which such activities can be
11 undertaken shall only apply for activities undertaken for
12 the primary purpose of flood prevention (including struc-
13 tural and land treatment measures): *Provided further*,
14 That of the amounts made available under this heading,
15 \$10,000,000 shall be allocated to multi-benefit irrigation
16 modernization projects and activities that increase fish or
17 wildlife habitat, reduce drought impact, improve water
18 quality or instream flow, or provide off-channel renewable
19 energy production.

20 WATERSHED REHABILITATION PROGRAM

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

1 CORPORATIONS

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

12 FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION FUND

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

16 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUND

17 REIMBURSEMENT FOR NET REALIZED LOSSES

18 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

19 For the current fiscal year, such sums as may be nec-
20 essary to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for
21 net realized losses sustained, but not previously reim-
22 bursed, pursuant to section 2 of the Act of August 17,
23 1961 (15 U.S.C. 713a–11): *Provided*, That of the funds
24 available to the Commodity Credit Corporation under sec-
25 tion 11 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act

1 (15 U.S.C. 714i) for the conduct of its business with the
2 Foreign Agricultural Service, up to \$5,000,000 may be
3 transferred to and used by the Foreign Agricultural Serv-
4 ice for information resource management activities of the
5 Foreign Agricultural Service that are not related to Com-
6 modity Credit Corporation business: *Provided further*,
7 That the Secretary shall notify the Committees on Appro-
8 priations of the House and Senate in writing 15 days prior
9 to the obligation, commitment, or transfer of any emer-
10 gency funds from the Commodity Credit Corporation or
11 the transfer or cancellation of any previously obligated
12 Commodity Credit Corporation funds: *Provided further*,
13 That such written notification shall include a detailed
14 spend plan for the anticipated uses of such funds and an
15 expected timeline for program execution if such obligation,
16 commitment, transfer, or cancellation exceeds
17 \$100,000,000.

18 HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

19 (LIMITATION ON EXPENSES)

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

1 9607(g)), and section 6001 of the Solid Waste Disposal
2 Act (42 U.S.C. 6961).

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

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
6 Secretary for Rural Development, \$1,620,000: *Provided*,
7 That funds made available by this Act to an agency in
8 the Rural Development mission area for salaries and ex-
9 penses are available to fund up to one administrative sup-
10 port staff for the Office.

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

14 For necessary expenses for carrying out the adminis-
15 tration and implementation of Rural Development pro-
16 grams, including activities with institutions concerning the
17 development and operation of agricultural cooperatives;
18 and for cooperative agreements; \$312,000,000: *Provided*,
19 That of the amount made available under this heading,
20 no less than \$75,000,000, to remain available until ex-
21 pended, shall be used for information technology expenses:
22 *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provi-
23 sion of law, funds appropriated under this heading may
24 be used for advertising and promotional activities that
25 support Rural Development programs: *Provided further*,

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

15 RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

16 RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

17 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

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

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

9 For the cost of direct loans, guaranteed loans, and
10 grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined
11 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
12 as follows: section 502 direct loans, \$130,600,000, of
13 which \$32,650,000 shall remain available until September
14 30, 2027; Single Family Housing Relending demonstra-
15 tion program for Native American Tribes, \$2,125,000;
16 section 504 housing repair loans, \$4,333,000; repair, re-
17 habilitation, and new construction of section 515 rental
18 housing, \$15,130,000, to remain available until expended;
19 section 523 self-help housing land development loans,
20 \$657,000; section 524 site development loans, \$502,000;
21 section 514 farm labor housing loans, \$4,761,000, to re-
22 main available until expended; and farm labor housing
23 grants, as authorized by section 516 of the Housing Act
24 of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1486), \$6,000,000, to remain
25 available until expended: *Provided*, That to support the

1 loan program level for section 538 guaranteed loans made
2 available under this heading the Secretary may charge or
3 adjust any fees to cover the projected cost of such loan
4 guarantees pursuant to the provisions of the Credit Re-
5 form Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661 et seq.), and the interest
6 on such loans may not be subsidized: *Provided further*,
7 That applicants in communities that have a current rural
8 area waiver under section 541 of the Housing Act of 1949
9 (42 U.S.C. 1490q) shall be treated as living in a rural
10 area for purposes of section 502 guaranteed loans pro-
11 vided under this heading: *Provided further*, That of the
12 amounts available under this paragraph for section 502
13 direct loans, no less than \$5,000,000 shall be available for
14 direct loans for individuals whose homes will be built pur-
15 suant to a program funded with a mutual and self-help
16 housing grant authorized by section 523 of the Housing
17 Act of 1949 until June 1, 2026: *Provided further*, That
18 the Secretary shall implement provisions to provide incen-
19 tives to nonprofit organizations and public housing au-
20 thorities to facilitate the acquisition of Rural Housing
21 Service (RHS) multifamily housing properties by such
22 nonprofit organizations and public housing authorities
23 that commit to keep such properties in the RHS multi-
24 family housing program for a period of time as determined
25 by the Secretary, with such incentives to include, but not

1 be limited to, the following: allow such nonprofit entities
2 and public housing authorities to earn a Return on Invest-
3 ment on the owner's initial equity contributions, as defined
4 by the Secretary, invested in the transaction; and allow
5 reimbursement of organizational costs associated with
6 owner's oversight of asset referred to as "Asset Manage-
7 ment Fee" of up to \$7,500 per property.

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

1 vation and revitalization agreement, obtain a restrictive
2 use agreement consistent with the terms of the restruc-
3 turing.

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

8 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

9 For rental assistance agreements entered into or re-
10 newed pursuant to the authority under section 521(a)(2)
11 of the Housing Act of 1949 or agreements entered into
12 in lieu of debt forgiveness or payments for eligible house-
13 holds as authorized by section 502(c)(5)(D) of the Hous-
14 ing Act of 1949, \$1,715,000,000, and in addition such
15 sums as may be necessary, as authorized by section 521(c)
16 of the Act, to liquidate debt incurred prior to fiscal year
17 1992 to carry out the rental assistance program under sec-
18 tion 521(a)(2) of the Act: *Provided*, That amounts made
19 available under this heading shall be available for renewal
20 of rental assistance agreements for a maximum of 5,000
21 units where the Secretary determines that a maturing loan
22 for a project cannot reasonably be restructured with an-
23 other USDA loan or modification and the project was op-
24 erating with rental assistance under section 521 of the
25 Housing Act of 1949: *Provided further*, That the Secretary

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

1 pired, subject to annual appropriations: *Provided further,*
2 That any unexpended balances remaining at the end of
3 such one-year agreements may be transferred and used
4 for purposes of any debt reduction, maintenance, repair,
5 or rehabilitation of any existing projects; preservation; and
6 rental assistance activities authorized under title V of the
7 Act: *Provided further,* That rental assistance provided
8 under agreements entered into prior to fiscal year 2026
9 for a farm labor multi-family housing project financed
10 under section 514 or 516 of the Act may not be recaptured
11 for use in another project until such assistance has re-
12 mained unused for a period of twelve consecutive months,
13 if such project has a waiting list of tenants seeking such
14 assistance or the project has rental assistance eligible ten-
15 ants who are not receiving such assistance: *Provided fur-*
16 *ther,* That such recaptured rental assistance shall, to the
17 extent practicable, be applied to another farm labor multi-
18 family housing project financed under section 514 or 516
19 of the Act: *Provided further,* That except as provided in
20 the seventh proviso under this heading and notwith-
21 standing any other provision of the Act, the Secretary may
22 recapture rental assistance provided under agreements en-
23 tered into prior to fiscal year 2026 for a project that the
24 Secretary determines no longer needs rental assistance
25 and use such recaptured funds for current needs: *Provided*

1 *further*, That in addition to any other available funds, the
2 Secretary may expend not more than \$1,000,000 total,
3 from the program funds made available under this head-
4 ing, for information technology improvements under this
5 heading.

6 RURAL HOUSING VOUCHER ACCOUNT

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

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

7 MUTUAL AND SELF-HELP HOUSING GRANTS

8 For grants and contracts pursuant to section
9 523(b)(1)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.
10 1490c), \$25,000,000, to remain available until expended.

11 RURAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS

12 For grants for very low-income housing repair and
13 rural housing preservation made by the Rural Housing
14 Service, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 1474, and 1490m,
15 \$27,000,000, to remain available until expended.

16 RURAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM ACCOUNT

17 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

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

23 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and
24 grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined
25 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,

1 for rural community facilities programs as authorized by
2 section 306 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the
3 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act,
4 \$677,160,846 to remain available until expended, of which
5 \$659,160,846 shall be for the purposes, and in the
6 amounts, specified for this account in the table titled
7 “Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed
8 Spending” in the explanatory statement described in sec-
9 tion 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this consoli-
10 dated Act): *Provided*, That \$5,000,000 of the amount ap-
11 propriated under this heading shall be available for a
12 Rural Community Development Initiative: *Provided fur-*
13 *ther*, That such funds shall be used solely to develop the
14 capacity and ability of private, nonprofit community-based
15 housing and community development organizations, low-
16 income rural communities, and Federally Recognized Na-
17 tive American Tribes to undertake projects to improve
18 housing, community facilities, community and economic
19 development projects in rural areas: *Provided further*,
20 That such funds shall be made available to qualified pri-
21 vate, nonprofit and public intermediary organizations pro-
22 posing to carry out a program of financial and technical
23 assistance: *Provided further*, That such intermediary orga-
24 nizations shall provide matching funds from other sources,
25 including Federal funds for related activities, in an

1 amount not less than funds provided: *Provided further,*
2 That any unobligated balances from prior year appropria-
3 tions under this heading for the cost of direct loans, loan
4 guarantees and grants, including amounts deobligated or
5 cancelled, may be made available to cover the subsidy costs
6 for direct loans, loan guarantees and or grants under this
7 heading in this fiscal year: *Provided further,* That no
8 amounts may be made available pursuant to the preceding
9 proviso from amounts that were designated by the Con-
10 gress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concur-
11 rent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and
12 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 or that were speci-
13 fied in the tables titled “Community Project Funding/Con-
14 gressionally Directed Spending” in the explanatory state-
15 ments accompanying prior year Agriculture, Rural Devel-
16 opment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related
17 Agencies Appropriations Acts, as described in section 4
18 in the matter preceding division A of such Acts: *Provided*
19 *further,* That no amounts may be made available pursuant
20 to the fifth proviso without prior notification and approval
21 of the Committees of Appropriations of both Houses of
22 Congress: *Provided further,* That \$13,000,000 of the
23 amount appropriated under this heading shall be available
24 for community facilities grants, as authorized by section
25 306(a)(19) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-

1 ment Act, of which \$8,000,000 shall be for grants to tribal
2 colleges as authorized by section 306(a)(25) of such Act:
3 *Provided further*, That sections 381E–H and 381N of the
4 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act are not
5 applicable to the funds made available under this heading:
6 *Provided further*, That in addition to any other available
7 funds, the Secretary may expend not more than
8 \$1,000,000 total, from the program funds made available
9 under this heading, for administrative expenses for activi-
10 ties funded under this heading.

11 RURAL BUSINESS—COOPERATIVE SERVICE

12 RURAL BUSINESS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

13 For gross obligations for the principal amount of
14 guaranteed loans as authorized by section 310B of the
15 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
16 1932(g)), \$1,750,000,000.

17 For the cost of loan guarantees and grants, for the
18 rural business development programs authorized by sec-
19 tion 310B and described in subsections (a), (c), (f) and
20 (g) of section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
21 Development Act, \$50,575,000, to remain available until
22 expended, of which no less than \$100,000 shall be made
23 available for one or more qualified state technology council
24 to promote private-sector economic development in the bio-
25 sciences: *Provided*, That of the amount appropriated

1 under this heading, \$15,575,000 shall be for business and
2 industry guaranteed loans: *Provided further*, That of the
3 amount appropriated under this heading, \$21,000,000
4 shall be for rural business development grants as author-
5 ized by section 310B(c) of the Consolidated Farm and
6 Rural Development Act, of which not to exceed \$500,000
7 shall be made available for one grant to a qualified na-
8 tional organization to provide technical assistance for
9 rural transportation in order to promote economic develop-
10 ment: *Provided further*, That of the amount appropriated
11 under this heading, \$10,000,000 shall be for grants to the
12 Delta Regional Authority (7 U.S.C. 2009aa et seq.), the
13 Northern Border Regional Commission (40 U.S.C. 15101
14 et seq.), the Southwest Border Regional Commission (40
15 U.S.C. 15301 et seq.), and the Appalachian Regional
16 Commission (40 U.S.C. 14101 et seq.) for any Rural Com-
17 munity Advancement Program purpose as described in
18 section 381E(d) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-
19 velopment Act, of which not more than 5 percent may be
20 used for administrative expenses: *Provided further*, That
21 \$4,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-
22 ing shall be for business grants to benefit Federally Recog-
23 nized Native American Tribes, including \$250,000 for a
24 grant to a qualified national organization to provide tech-
25 nical assistance for rural transportation in order to pro-

1 mote economic development: *Provided further*, That sec-
2 tions 381E–H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and
3 Rural Development Act are not applicable to funds made
4 available under this heading.

5 INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM FUND ACCOUNT
6 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

10 For the cost of direct loans, \$2,495,000 as authorized
11 by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Account (7
12 U.S.C. 1936b), of which \$250,000 shall be available
13 through June 30, 2026, for Federally Recognized Native
14 American Tribes; and of which \$499,000 shall be available
15 through June 30, 2026, for Mississippi Delta Region
16 counties (as determined in accordance with Public Law
17 100–460): *Provided*, That such costs, including the cost
18 of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502
19 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

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

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1 RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS PROGRAM

2 ACCOUNT

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

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

11 RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

12 For rural cooperative development grants authorized
13 under section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and
14 Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932), \$20,000,000:
15 *Provided*, That of the amount appropriated under this
16 heading, \$3,000,000 shall be for cooperative agreements
17 for the appropriate technology transfer for rural areas
18 program; \$3,000,000 shall be for grants for cooperative
19 development centers, individual cooperatives, or groups of
20 cooperatives that serve socially disadvantaged groups and
21 a majority of the boards of directors or governing boards
22 of which are comprised of individuals who are members
23 of socially disadvantaged groups; \$8,000,000, to remain
24 available until expended, shall be for value-added agricul-
25 tural product market development grants, as authorized

1 by section 210A of the Agricultural Marketing Act of
2 1946; and \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended,
3 shall be for Agriculture Innovation Centers authorized
4 pursuant to section 6402 of Public Law 107–171.

5 RURAL MICROENTREPRENEUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

6 For the principal amount of direct loans as author-
7 ized by section 379E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
8 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2008s), \$17,000,000.

9 For the cost of loans and grants, \$4,000,000 under
10 the same terms and conditions as authorized by section
11 379E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development
12 Act (7 U.S.C. 2008s).

13 RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM

14 For the principal amount of loan guarantees, under
15 the same terms and conditions as authorized by section
16 9007 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of
17 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107), \$100,000,000.

18 HEALTHY FOOD FINANCING INITIATIVE

19 For the cost of loans and grants that is consistent
20 with section 243 of subtitle D of title II of the Department
21 of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C.
22 6953), as added by section 4206 of the Agricultural Act
23 of 2014, for necessary expenses of the Secretary to sup-
24 port projects that provide access to healthy food in under-
25 served areas, to create and preserve quality jobs, and to

1 revitalize low-income communities, \$50,000, to remain
2 available until expended: *Provided*, That such costs of
3 loans, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be
4 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
5 of 1974.

6 RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE

7 RURAL WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM ACCOUNT

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

9 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
10 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by section 306
11 and described in section 381E(d)(2) of the Consolidated
12 Farm and Rural Development Act, as follows:
13 \$1,015,000,000 for direct loans; and \$50,000,000 for
14 guaranteed loans.

15 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and
16 grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined
17 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
18 for rural water, waste water, waste disposal, and solid
19 waste management programs authorized by sections 306,
20 306A, 306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B and described in sec-
21 tions 306C(a)(2), 306D, 306E, and 381E(d)(2) of the
22 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act,
23 \$445,864,564 to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
24 *vided*, That \$51,476,000 of the amount appropriated
25 under this heading shall be available for direct loans, of

1 which no less than \$3,876,000 shall be available for water
2 and waste direct one percent loans for distressed commu-
3 nities as the Secretary deems appropriate: *Provided fur-*
4 *ther*, That \$1,000,000 shall be available for the rural utili-
5 ties program described in section 306(a)(2)(B) of such
6 Act: *Provided further*, That \$5,000,000 of the amount ap-
7 propriated under this heading shall be available for the
8 rural utilities program described in section 306E of such
9 Act, of which \$1,000,000 shall be to provide subgrants
10 to eligible individuals for the construction, refurbishing,
11 and servicing of individually owned household decentral-
12 ized waste water systems: *Provided further*, That
13 \$7,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-
14 ing shall be for grants authorized by section 306A(i)(2)
15 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act in
16 addition to funding authorized by section 306A(i)(1) of
17 such Act: *Provided further*, That \$60,000,000 of the
18 amount appropriated under this heading shall be for loans
19 and grants including water and waste disposal systems
20 grants authorized by section 306C(a)(2)(B) and section
21 306D of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development
22 Act, and Federally Recognized Native American Tribes
23 authorized by 306C(a)(1) of such Act, and the Depart-
24 ment of Hawaiian Home Lands (of the State of Hawaii):
25 *Provided further*, That funding provided for section 306D

1 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act
2 may be provided to a consortium formed pursuant to sec-
3 tion 325 of Public Law 105–83: *Provided further*, That
4 not more than 2 percent of the funding provided for sec-
5 tion 306D of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-
6 ment Act may be used by the State of Alaska for training
7 and technical assistance programs and not more than 2
8 percent of the funding provided for section 306D of the
9 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act may be
10 used by a consortium formed pursuant to section 325 of
11 Public Law 105–83 for training and technical assistance
12 programs: *Provided further*, That \$35,000,000 of the
13 amount appropriated under this heading shall be for tech-
14 nical assistance grants for rural water and waste systems
15 pursuant to section 306(a)(14) of such Act, unless the
16 Secretary makes a determination of extreme need, of
17 which \$10,000,000 shall be made available for a grant to
18 a qualified nonprofit multi-State regional technical assist-
19 ance organization, with experience in working with small
20 communities on water and waste water problems, the prin-
21 cipal purpose of such grant shall be to assist rural commu-
22 nities with populations of 3,300 or less, in improving the
23 planning, financing, development, operation, and manage-
24 ment of water and waste water systems, and of which not
25 less than \$800,000 shall be for a qualified national Native

1 American organization to provide technical assistance for
2 rural water systems for tribal communities: *Provided fur-*
3 *ther*, That \$23,900,000 of the amount appropriated under
4 this heading shall be for contracting with qualified na-
5 tional organizations for a circuit rider program to provide
6 technical assistance for rural water systems: *Provided fur-*
7 *ther*, That \$4,000,000 of the amounts made available
8 under this heading shall be for solid waste management
9 grants: *Provided further*, That \$250,488,564 of the
10 amounts made available under this heading shall be for
11 grants pursuant to section 306(a)(2)(a) of the Consoli-
12 dated Farm and Rural Development Act, of which
13 \$110,488,564 shall be for the purposes, and in the
14 amounts, specified for this account in the table titled
15 “Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed
16 Spending” in the explanatory statement described in sec-
17 tion 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this consoli-
18 dated Act): *Provided further*, That \$8,000,000 of the
19 amount appropriated under this heading shall be trans-
20 ferred to, and merged with, the Rural Utilities Service,
21 High Energy Cost Grants Account to provide grants au-
22 thorized under section 19 of the Rural Electrification Act
23 of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 918a): *Provided further*, That if any
24 funds made available for the direct loan subsidy costs
25 under this heading remain unobligated after July 31,

1 2026, such unobligated balances may be used for grant
2 programs funded under this heading: *Provided further*,
3 That any unobligated balances from prior year appropria-
4 tions under this heading for the cost of direct loans, loan
5 guarantees and grants, including amounts deobligated or
6 cancelled, may be made available to cover the subsidy costs
7 for direct loans, loan guarantees and or grants under this
8 heading in this fiscal year: *Provided further*, That no
9 amounts may be made available pursuant to the two pre-
10 ceding provisos from amounts that were designated by the
11 Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a con-
12 current resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget
13 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, or that are
14 specified for this account in the table titled “Community
15 Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending” in
16 the explanatory statement described in section 4 (in the
17 matter preceding division A of this consolidated Act): *Pro-*
18 *vided further*, That sections 381E–H and 381N of the
19 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act are not
20 applicable to the funds made available under this heading.

21 RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

22 LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

23 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

24 The principal amount of loans and loan guarantees
25 as authorized by sections 4, 305, 306, 313A, and 317 of

1 the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 904, 935,
2 936, 940c–1, and 940g) shall be made as follows: guaran-
3 teed rural electric loans made pursuant to section 306 of
4 that Act, \$2,667,000,000; cost of money direct loans made
5 pursuant to sections 4, notwithstanding the one-eighth of
6 one percent in 4(c)(2), and 317, notwithstanding 317(c),
7 of that Act, \$4,333,000,000; guaranteed underwriting
8 loans pursuant to section 313A of that Act, \$910,000,000;
9 for cost-of-money rural telecommunications loans made
10 pursuant to section 305(d)(2) of that Act, \$350,000,000;
11 and for guaranteed rural telecommunications loans made
12 pursuant to section 306 of that Act, \$200,000,000: *Pro-*
13 *vided*, That up to \$2,000,000,000 shall be used for the
14 construction, acquisition, design, engineering or improve-
15 ment of fossil-fueled electric generating plants (whether
16 new or existing) that utilize carbon subsurface utilization
17 and storage systems.

18 For the cost of direct loans as authorized by section
19 305(d)(2) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7
20 U.S.C. 935(d)(2)), including the cost of modifying loans,
21 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
22 of 1974, cost of money rural telecommunications loans,
23 \$3,570,000.

24 In addition, \$4,200,000 to remain available until ex-
25 pended, to carry out section 6407 of the Farm Security

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

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

9 DISTANCE LEARNING, TELEMEDICINE, AND BROADBAND
10 PROGRAM

11 For grants for telemedicine and distance learning
12 services in rural areas, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 950aaa
13 et seq., \$40,767,000, to remain available until expended,
14 of which \$10,767,000 shall be for the purposes, and in
15 the amounts, specified for this account in the table titled
16 “Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed
17 Spending” in the explanatory statement described in sec-
18 tion 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this consoli-
19 dated Act): *Provided*, That \$3,000,000 shall be made
20 available for grants authorized by section 379G of the
21 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act: *Provided*
22 *further*, That funding provided under this heading for
23 grants under section 379G of the Consolidated Farm and
24 Rural Development Act may only be provided to entities

1 that meet all of the eligibility criteria for a consortium
2 as established by this section.

3 For the cost to continue a broadband loan and grant
4 pilot program established by section 779 of division A of
5 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law
6 115–141) under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as
7 amended (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), \$50,750,000, to remain
8 available until expended, of which \$750,000 shall be for
9 the purposes, and in the amounts, specified for this ac-
10 count in the table titled “Community Project Funding/
11 Congressionally Directed Spending” in the explanatory
12 statement described in section 4 (in the matter preceding
13 division A of this consolidated Act): *Provided*, That the
14 Secretary may award grants described in section 601(a)
15 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7
16 U.S.C. 950bb(a)) for the purposes of carrying out such
17 pilot program: *Provided further*, That the cost of direct
18 loans shall be defined in section 502 of the Congressional
19 Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That at least 90
20 percent of the households to be served by a project receiv-
21 ing a loan or grant under the pilot program shall be in
22 a rural area without sufficient access to broadband: *Pro-*
23 *vided further*, That for purposes of such pilot program,
24 a rural area without sufficient access to broadband shall
25 be defined as twenty-five megabits per second downstream

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

1 In addition, \$17,000,000, to remain available until
2 expended, for the Community Connect Grant Program au-
3 thorized by 7 U.S.C. 950bb–3.

1 TITLE IV

2 DOMESTIC FOOD PROGRAMS

3 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD,
4 NUTRITION, AND CONSUMER SERVICES

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
6 Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services,
7 \$1,127,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
8 Act to an agency in the Food, Nutrition and Consumer
9 Services mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-
10 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for
11 the Office.

12 FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE

13 CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

14 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

15 For necessary expenses to carry out the Richard B.
16 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et
17 seq.), except section 21, and the Child Nutrition Act of
18 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.), except sections 17 and
19 21; \$37,841,674,000 to remain available through Sep-
20 tember 30, 2027, of which such sums as are made avail-
21 able under section 14222(b)(1) of the Food, Conservation,
22 and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–246), as
23 amended by this Act, shall be merged with and available
24 for the same time period and purposes as provided herein:
25 *Provided*, That of the total amount available, \$18,691,638

1 shall be available to carry out section 19 of the Child Nu-
2 trition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.): *Provided*
3 *further*, That of the total amount available, \$21,918,000
4 shall be available to carry out studies and evaluations and
5 shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*,
6 That of the total amount available, \$5,000,000 shall re-
7 main available until expended to carry out section 18(g)
8 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
9 U.S.C. 1769(g)): *Provided further*, That notwithstanding
10 section 18(g)(3)(C) of the Richard B. Russell National
11 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769(g)(3)(c)), the total
12 grant amount provided to a farm to school grant recipient
13 in fiscal year 2026 shall not exceed \$500,000: *Provided*
14 *further*, That of the total amount available, \$10,000,000
15 shall be available to provide competitive grants to State
16 agencies for subgrants to local educational agencies and
17 schools to purchase the equipment, with a value of greater
18 than \$1,000, needed to serve healthier meals, improve food
19 safety, and to help support the establishment, mainte-
20 nance, or expansion of the school breakfast program: *Pro-*
21 *vided further*, That of the total amount available,
22 \$4,378,000 shall be available for food safety education in-
23 cluding activities that support sections 17 and 21 of the
24 Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786, 1790) and
25 to support the safe distribution of USDA Foods, as de-

1 fined in 7 CFR 250.2: *Provided further*, That of the total
2 amount available, \$1,000,000 shall remain available until
3 expended to carry out activities authorized under sub-
4 sections (a)(2) and (e)(2) of section 21 of the Richard B.
5 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769b–
6 1(a)(2) and (e)(2)): *Provided further*, That section 26(d)
7 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
8 U.S.C. 1769g(d)) is amended in the first sentence by
9 striking “2010 through 2025” and inserting “2010
10 through 2027”: *Provided further*, That section 9(h)(3) of
11 the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
12 U.S.C. 1758(h)(3)) is amended in the first sentence by
13 striking “For fiscal year 2024” and inserting “For fiscal
14 year 2026”: *Provided further*, That section 9(h)(4) of the
15 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.
16 1758(h)(4)) is amended in the first sentence by striking
17 “For fiscal year 2024” and inserting “For fiscal year
18 2026”.

19 SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR
20 WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

21 For necessary expenses to carry out the special sup-
22 plemental nutrition program as authorized by section 17
23 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786),
24 \$8,200,000,000, to remain available through September
25 30, 2027, of which \$150,000,000 shall be placed in re-

1 serve, to remain available until expended, to be allocated
2 as the Secretary deemed necessary, notwithstanding sec-
3 tion 17(i) of such Act, to support participation should cost
4 or participation exceed budget estimates: *Provided*, That
5 notwithstanding section 17(h)(10) of the Child Nutrition
6 Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(h)(10)), not less than
7 \$90,000,000 shall be used for breastfeeding peer coun-
8 selors and other related activities, and \$14,000,000 shall
9 be used for infrastructure, including investments to de-
10 velop strategies to improve timely program data collection
11 and reporting: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall
12 use funds made available under this heading to maintain
13 the amount for the cash-value voucher for women and chil-
14 dren participants at an amount recommended by the Na-
15 tional Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine
16 and adjusted for inflation: *Provided further*, That none of
17 the funds provided in this account shall be available for
18 the purchase of infant formula except in accordance with
19 the cost containment and competitive bidding require-
20 ments specified in section 17 of such Act: *Provided further*,
21 That none of the funds provided shall be available for ac-
22 tivities that are not fully reimbursed by other Federal Gov-
23 ernment departments or agencies unless authorized by sec-
24 tion 17 of such Act: *Provided further*, That upon termi-
25 nation of a federally mandated vendor moratorium and

1 subject to terms and conditions established by the Sec-
2 retary, the Secretary may waive the requirement at 7 CFR
3 246.12(g)(6) at the request of a State agency.

4 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

5 For necessary expenses to carry out the Food and
6 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.),
7 \$107,481,218,000, of which \$3,000,000,000, to remain
8 available through September 30, 2027, and
9 \$3,000,000,000, to remain available through September
10 30, 2028, shall be placed in reserve for use only in such
11 amounts and at such times as may become necessary to
12 carry out program operations: *Provided*, That funds pro-
13 vided herein shall be expended in accordance with section
14 16 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008: *Provided fur-*
15 *ther*, That of the funds made available under this heading,
16 \$998,000 may be used to provide nutrition education serv-
17 ices to State agencies and Federally Recognized Tribes
18 participating in the Food Distribution Program on Indian
19 Reservations: *Provided further*, That of the funds made
20 available under this heading, \$3,000,000, to remain avail-
21 able until September 30, 2027, shall be used to carry out
22 section 4003(b) of Public Law 115–334 relating to dem-
23 onstration projects for tribal organizations: *Provided fur-*
24 *ther*, That of the funds made available under this heading,
25 \$4,000,000 shall be used to carry out section 4208 of Pub-

1 lie Law 115–334: *Provided further*, That this appropria-
2 tion shall be subject to any work registration or workfare
3 requirements as may be required by law: *Provided further*,
4 That funds made available for Employment and Training
5 under this heading shall remain available through Sep-
6 tember 30, 2027: *Provided further*, That funds made avail-
7 able under this heading for section 28(d)(1), section 4(b),
8 and section 27(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
9 shall remain available through September 30, 2027: *Pro-*
10 *vided further*, That none of the funds made available under
11 this heading may be obligated or expended in contraven-
12 tion of section 213A of the Immigration and Nationality
13 Act (8 U.S.C. 1183A): *Provided further*, That funds made
14 available under this heading may be used to enter into
15 contracts and employ staff to conduct studies, evaluations,
16 or to conduct activities related to program integrity pro-
17 vided that such activities are authorized by the Food and
18 Nutrition Act of 2008.

19 COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

20 For necessary expenses to carry out disaster and
21 commodity assistance, \$551,070,000, to remain available
22 through September 30, 2027, of which \$460,000,000 shall
23 be for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, as au-
24 thorized by section 4(a) of the Agriculture and Consumer
25 Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note), \$80,000,000

1 shall be for the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983,
2 \$1,070,000 shall be for assistance for the nuclear affected
3 islands, as authorized by section 103(f)(2) of the Compact
4 of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (Public Law
5 108–188), and \$10,000,000 shall be for the Farmers’
6 Market Nutrition Program, as authorized by section
7 17(m) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966: *Provided*, That
8 none of these funds shall be available to reimburse the
9 Commodity Credit Corporation for commodities donated
10 to the program: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding
11 any other provision of law, effective with funds made avail-
12 able in fiscal year 2026 to support the Seniors Farmers’
13 Market Nutrition Program, as authorized by section 4402
14 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002,
15 such funds shall remain available through September 30,
16 2027: *Provided further*, That of the funds made available
17 under section 27(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
18 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)), the Secretary may use up to 20 per-
19 cent for costs associated with the distribution of commod-
20 ities.

21 NUTRITION PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION

22 For necessary administrative expenses of the Food
23 and Nutrition Service for carrying out any domestic nutri-
24 tion assistance program, \$160,000,000: *Provided*, That of
25 the funds provided herein, \$2,000,000 shall be used for

1 the purposes of section 4404 of Public Law 107–171, as
2 amended by section 4401 of Public Law 110–246.

1 TITLE V
2 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND RELATED
3 PROGRAMS

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

6 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
7 Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs,
8 \$932,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
9 Act to any agency in the Trade and Foreign Agricultural
10 Affairs mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-
11 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for
12 the Office.

13 OFFICE OF CODEX ALIMENTARIUS

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

18 FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

19 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

20 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

21 For necessary expenses of the Foreign Agricultural
22 Service, including not to exceed \$250,000 for representa-
23 tion allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of
24 the Act approved August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766),
25 \$222,000,000, of which no more than 6 percent shall re-

1 main available until September 30, 2027, for overseas op-
2 erations to include the payment of locally employed staff:
3 *Provided*, That the Service may utilize advances of funds,
4 or reimburse this appropriation for expenditures made on
5 behalf of Federal agencies, public and private organiza-
6 tions and institutions under agreements executed pursu-
7 ant to the agricultural food production assistance pro-
8 grams (7 U.S.C. 1737) and the foreign assistance pro-
9 grams of the United States Agency for International De-
10 velopment: *Provided further*, That of the funds made avail-
11 able under this heading, \$5,000,000, to remain available
12 until expended, shall be for the Cochran Fellowship Pro-
13 gram, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 3293, \$4,000,000, to re-
14 main available until expended, shall be for the Borlaug
15 International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellow-
16 ship program, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 3319j, and up
17 to \$2,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall
18 be for the purpose of offsetting fluctuations in inter-
19 national currency exchange rates, subject to documenta-
20 tion by the Foreign Agricultural Service: *Provided further*,
21 That of the amount made available under this heading,
22 \$1,000,000, shall be for the Secretary of Agriculture, in
23 consultation with the Secretary of State and heads of
24 other relevant Federal departments and agencies as appli-
25 cable, to conduct an interagency review and, within 60

1 days of enactment of this Act, provide a detailed report
2 outlining the process and agency needs to support a trans-
3 fer of the Food for Peace program from the U.S. Agency
4 for International Development to the Foreign Agricultural
5 Service within the Department of Agriculture: *Provided*
6 *further*, That such report shall include the requirements
7 outlined in the section entitled “Food for Peace Inter-
8 agency Review and Report” under the heading “Food for
9 Peace Title II Grants” in Senate Report 119–37 and shall
10 also address any other needs that the Department of Agri-
11 culture believes will be required to support successful im-
12 plementation of such program transfer.

13 FOOD FOR PEACE TITLE II GRANTS

14 For expenses during the current fiscal year, not oth-
15 erwise recoverable, and unrecovered prior years’ costs, in-
16 cluding interest thereon, under the Food for Peace Act
17 (Public Law 83–480), for commodities supplied in connec-
18 tion with dispositions abroad under title II of said Act,
19 \$1,200,000,000, to remain available until expended.

20 MCGOVERN-DOLE INTERNATIONAL FOOD FOR EDUCATION

21 AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM GRANTS

22 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions
23 of section 3107 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
24 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1736o–1), \$240,000,000, to
25 remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the Com-

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

11 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION EXPORT (LOANS)

12 CREDIT GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

13 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

14 For administrative expenses to carry out the Com-
15 modify Credit Corporation’s Export Guarantee Program,
16 GSM 102 and GSM 103, \$6,063,000, to cover common
17 overhead expenses as permitted by section 11 of the Com-
18 modify Credit Corporation Charter Act and in conformity
19 with the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, which shall
20 be paid to the appropriation for “Foreign Agricultural
21 Service, Salaries and Expenses”.

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

8 For necessary expenses of the Food and Drug Ad-
9 ministration, including hire and purchase of passenger
10 motor vehicles; for payment of space rental and related
11 costs pursuant to Public Law 92–313 for programs and
12 activities of the Food and Drug Administration which are
13 included in this Act; for rental of special purpose space
14 in the District of Columbia or elsewhere; for miscellaneous
15 and emergency expenses of enforcement activities, author-
16 ized and approved by the Secretary and to be accounted
17 for solely on the Secretary’s certificate, not to exceed
18 \$25,000; and notwithstanding section 521 of Public Law
19 107–188; \$6,957,972,000: *Provided*, That of the amount
20 provided under this heading, \$1,556,039,000 shall be de-
21 rived from prescription drug user fees authorized by 21
22 U.S.C. 379h, and shall be credited to this account and
23 remain available until expended; \$478,166,000 shall be de-
24 rived from medical device user fees authorized by 21
25 U.S.C. 379j, and shall be credited to this account and re-

1 main available until expended; \$670,900,000 shall be de-
2 rived from human generic drug user fees authorized by
3 21 U.S.C. 379j–42, and shall be credited to this account
4 and remain available until expended; \$55,841,000 shall be
5 derived from biosimilar biological product user fees au-
6 thorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–52, and shall be credited to
7 this account and remain available until expended;
8 \$36,152,000 shall be derived from animal drug user fees
9 authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–12, and shall be credited
10 to this account and remain available until expended;
11 \$26,724,000 shall be derived from generic new animal
12 drug user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–21, and shall
13 be credited to this account and remain available until ex-
14 pended; \$712,000,000 shall be derived from tobacco prod-
15 uct user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 387s, and shall be
16 credited to this account and remain available until ex-
17 pended: *Provided further*, That in addition to and notwith-
18 standing any other provision under this heading, amounts
19 collected for prescription drug user fees, medical device
20 user fees, human generic drug user fees, biosimilar biologi-
21 cal product user fees, animal drug user fees, and generic
22 new animal drug user fees that exceed the respective fiscal
23 year 2026 limitations are appropriated and shall be cred-
24 ited to this account and remain available until expended:
25 *Provided further*, That fees derived from prescription drug,

1 medical device, human generic drug, biosimilar biological
2 product, animal drug, and generic new animal drug as-
3 sessments for fiscal year 2026, including any such fees
4 collected prior to fiscal year 2026 but credited for fiscal
5 year 2026, shall be subject to the fiscal year 2026 limita-
6 tions: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may accept
7 payment during fiscal year 2026 of user fees specified
8 under this heading and authorized for fiscal year 2027,
9 prior to the due date for such fees, and that amounts of
10 such fees assessed for fiscal year 2027 for which the Sec-
11 retary accepts payment in fiscal year 2026 shall not be
12 included in amounts under this heading: *Provided further*,
13 That none of these funds shall be used to develop, estab-
14 lish, or operate any program of user fees authorized by
15 31 U.S.C. 9701: *Provided further*, That of the total
16 amount appropriated: (1) \$1,171,319,000 shall be for the
17 Human Foods Program and for related field activities, in-
18 cluding inspections, investigations, and import operations,
19 conducted by the Human Foods Program, the Office of
20 Inspections and Investigations, or the Office of the Chief
21 Scientist, of which no less than \$15,000,000 shall be used
22 for inspections of foreign seafood manufacturers and field
23 examinations of imported seafood; (2) \$2,496,766,000
24 shall be for the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
25 and for related field activities, including inspections, inves-

1 tigtions, and import operations, conducted by the Center,
2 the Office of Inspections and Investigations, or the Office
3 of the Chief Scientist, of which no less than \$10,000,000
4 shall be for pilots to increase unannounced foreign inspec-
5 tions and shall remain available until expended; (3)
6 \$601,291,000 shall be for the Center for Biologics Evalua-
7 tion and Research and for related field activities, including
8 inspections, investigations, and import operations, con-
9 ducted by the Center, the Office of Inspections and Inves-
10 tigtions, or the Office of the Chief Scientist; (4)
11 \$278,185,000 shall be for the Center for Veterinary Medi-
12 cine and for related field activities, including inspections,
13 investigations, and import operations, conducted by the
14 Center, the Office of Inspections and Investigations, or the
15 Office of the Chief Scientist; (5) \$894,063,000 shall be
16 for the Center for Devices and Radiological Health and
17 for related field activities, including inspections, investiga-
18 tions, and import operations, conducted by the Center, the
19 Office of Inspections and Investigations, or the Office of
20 the Chief Scientist; (6) \$71,758,000 shall be for the Na-
21 tional Center for Toxicological Research; (7)
22 \$688,038,000 shall be for the Center for Tobacco Prod-
23 ucts and for related field activities, including inspections,
24 investigations, and import operations, conducted by the
25 Center, the Office of Inspections and Investigations, or the

1 Office of the Chief Scientist; (8) \$205,180,000 shall be
2 for Rent and Related activities, of which \$44,400,000 is
3 for White Oak Consolidation, other than the amounts paid
4 to the General Services Administration for rent; (9)
5 \$208,018,000 shall be for payments to the General Serv-
6 ices Administration for rent; and (10) \$343,354,000 shall
7 be for other activities, including the Office of the Commis-
8 sioner of Food and Drugs, the Office of the Chief Sci-
9 entist, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer, and central
10 services for these offices: *Provided further*, That not to ex-
11 ceed \$25,000 of this amount shall be for official reception
12 and representation expenses, not otherwise provided for,
13 as determined by the Commissioner: *Provided further*,
14 That any transfer of funds pursuant to, and for the ad-
15 ministration of, section 770(n) of the Federal Food, Drug,
16 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 379dd(n)) shall only be from
17 amounts made available under this heading for other ac-
18 tivities and shall not exceed \$2,000,000: *Provided further*,
19 That of the amounts that are made available under this
20 heading for “other activities”, and that are not derived
21 from user fees, \$1,500,000 shall be transferred to and
22 merged with the appropriation for “Department of Health
23 and Human Services—Office of Inspector General” for
24 oversight of the programs and operations of the Food and
25 Drug Administration and shall be in addition to funds oth-

1 erwise made available for oversight of the Food and Drug
2 Administration: *Provided further*, That funds may be
3 transferred from one specified activity to another with the
4 prior approval of the Committees on Appropriations of
5 both Houses of Congress.

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

22 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

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

1 istration, where not otherwise provided, \$5,000,000, to re-
2 main available until expended.

3 INDEPENDENT AGENCY

4 FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

5 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

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

1 TITLE VII

2 GENERAL PROVISIONS

3 (INCLUDING RESCISSIONS AND TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 701. The Secretary may use any appropriations
5 made available to the Department of Agriculture in this
6 Act to purchase new passenger motor vehicles, in addition
7 to specific appropriations for this purpose, so long as the
8 total number of vehicles purchased in fiscal year 2026
9 does not exceed the number of vehicles owned or leased
10 in fiscal year 2018: *Provided*, That, prior to purchasing
11 additional motor vehicles, the Secretary must determine
12 that such vehicles are necessary for transportation safety,
13 to reduce operational costs, and for the protection of life,
14 property, and public safety: *Provided further*, That the
15 Secretary may not increase the Department of Agri-
16 culture's fleet above the 2018 level unless the Secretary
17 notifies in writing, and receives approval from, the Com-
18 mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
19 within 30 days of the notification.

20 SEC. 702. Notwithstanding any other provision of
21 this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may transfer unobli-
22 gated balances of discretionary funds appropriated by this
23 Act or any other available unobligated discretionary bal-
24 ances that are remaining available of the Department of
25 Agriculture to the Working Capital Fund for the acquisi-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 SEC. 714. Notwithstanding subsection (b) of section
8 14222 of Public Law 110–246 (7 U.S.C. 612c–6; in this
9 section referred to as “section 14222”), none of the funds
10 appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any
11 other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and expenses
12 of personnel to carry out a program under section 32 of
13 the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c; in this section
14 referred to as “section 32”) in excess of \$1,716,293,000
15 (exclusive of carryover appropriations from prior fiscal
16 years), as follows: Child Nutrition Programs Entitlement
17 Commodities—\$485,000,000; State Option Contracts—
18 \$5,000,000; Removal of Defective Commodities—
19 \$2,500,000; Administration of section 32 Commodity Pur-
20 chases—\$40,971,000: *Provided*, That, of the total funds
21 made available in the matter preceding this proviso that
22 remain unobligated on October 1, 2026, such unobligated
23 balances shall carryover into fiscal year 2027 and shall
24 remain available until expended for any of the purposes
25 of section 32, except that any such carryover funds used

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

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

1 date of the convening of a committee of conference for
2 the fiscal year 2026 appropriations Act.

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

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

1 unless the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of
2 Health and Human Services (as the case may be) notifies
3 in writing and receives approval from the Committees on
4 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 30
5 days in advance of the reprogramming of such funds or
6 the use of such authority.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (1) modifying major capital investments fund-
24 ing levels, including information technology systems,
25 that involves increasing or decreasing funds in the

1 current fiscal year for the individual investment in
2 excess of \$500,000 or 10 percent of the total cost,
3 whichever is less;

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

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

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

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

20 SEC. 717. Notwithstanding section 310B(g)(5) of the
21 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
22 1932(g)(5)), the Secretary may assess a one-time fee for
23 any guaranteed business and industry loan in an amount
24 that does not exceed 3 percent of the guaranteed principal
25 portion of the loan.

1 SEC. 718. None of the funds appropriated or other-
2 wise made available to the Department of Agriculture, the
3 Food and Drug Administration, or the Farm Credit Ad-
4 ministration shall be used to transmit or otherwise make
5 available reports, questions, or responses to questions that
6 are a result of information requested for the appropria-
7 tions hearing process to any non-Department of Agri-
8 culture, non-Department of Health and Human Services,
9 or non-Farm Credit Administration employee.

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

18 SEC. 720. No employee of the Department of Agri-
19 culture may be detailed or assigned from an agency or
20 office funded by this Act or any other Act to any other
21 agency or office of the Department for more than 60 days
22 in a fiscal year unless the individual's employing agency
23 or office is fully reimbursed by the receiving agency or
24 office for the salary and expenses of the employee for the
25 period of assignment.

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

19 SEC. 722. None of the funds made available by this
20 Act may be used to propose, promulgate, or implement
21 any rule, or take any other action with respect to, allowing
22 or requiring information intended for a prescribing health
23 care professional, in the case of a drug or biological prod-
24 uct subject to section 503(b)(1) of the Federal Food,
25 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 353(b)(1)), to be dis-

1 tributed to such professional electronically (in lieu of in
2 paper form) unless and until a Federal law is enacted to
3 allow or require such distribution.

4 SEC. 723. For the purposes of determining eligibility
5 or level of program assistance for Rural Housing Service
6 programs the Secretary shall not include incarcerated
7 prison populations.

8 SEC. 724. For loans and loan guarantees that do not
9 require budget authority and for which the program level
10 has been established in this Act, the Secretary of Agri-
11 culture may increase the program level for such loans and
12 loan guarantees by not more than 25 percent: *Provided*,
13 That prior to the Secretary implementing such an in-
14 crease, the Secretary notifies, in writing, the Committees
15 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 15
16 days in advance.

17 SEC. 725. None of the credit card refunds or rebates
18 transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to sec-
19 tion 729 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and
20 Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropria-
21 tions Act, 2002 (7 U.S.C. 2235a; Public Law 107-76)
22 shall be available for obligation without written notifica-
23 tion to, and the prior approval of, the Committees on Ap-
24 propriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided*, That
25 the refunds or rebates so transferred shall be available for

1 obligation only for the acquisition of property, plant and
2 equipment, including equipment for the improvement, de-
3 livery, and implementation of Departmental financial
4 management, information technology, and other support
5 systems necessary for the delivery of financial, administra-
6 tive, and information technology services, including cloud
7 adoption and migration, of primary benefit to the agencies
8 of the Department of Agriculture.

9 SEC. 726. None of the funds made available by this
10 Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce the
11 “variety” requirements of the final rule entitled “Enhanc-
12 ing Retailer Standards in the Supplemental Nutrition As-
13 sistance Program (SNAP)” published by the Department
14 of Agriculture in the Federal Register on December 15,
15 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 90675) until the Secretary of Agri-
16 culture amends the definition of the term “variety” as de-
17 fined in section 278.1(b)(1)(ii)(C) of title 7, Code of Fed-
18 eral Regulations, and “variety” as applied in the definition
19 of the term “staple food” as defined in section 271.2 of
20 title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, to increase the num-
21 ber of items that qualify as acceptable varieties in each
22 staple food category so that the total number of such items
23 in each staple food category exceeds the number of such
24 items in each staple food category included in the final
25 rule as published on December 15, 2016: *Provided*, That

1 until the Secretary promulgates such regulatory amend-
2 ments, the Secretary shall apply the requirements regard-
3 ing acceptable varieties and breadth of stock to Supple-
4 mental Nutrition Assistance Program retailers that were
5 in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of
6 the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–79).

7 SEC. 727. In carrying out subsection (h) of section
8 502 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472), the
9 Secretary of Agriculture shall have the same authority
10 with respect to loans guaranteed under such section and
11 eligible lenders for such loans as the Secretary has under
12 subsections (h) and (j) of section 538 of such Act (42
13 U.S.C. 1490p–2) with respect to loans guaranteed under
14 such section 538 and eligible lenders for such loans.

15 SEC. 728. None of the funds appropriated or other-
16 wise made available by this Act shall be available for the
17 United States Department of Agriculture to propose, fi-
18 nalize or implement any regulation that would promulgate
19 new user fees pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9701 after the date
20 of the enactment of this Act.

21 SEC. 729. Notwithstanding any provision of law that
22 regulates the calculation and payment of overtime and hol-
23 iday pay for FSIS inspectors, the Secretary may charge
24 establishments subject to the inspection requirements of
25 the Poultry Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 451 et

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

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

16 (1) conduct audits in a manner that evaluates
17 the following factors in the country or region being
18 audited, as applicable—

19 (A) veterinary control and oversight;

20 (B) disease history and vaccination prac-
21 tices;

22 (C) livestock demographics and
23 traceability;

24 (D) epidemiological separation from poten-
25 tial sources of infection;

1 (E) surveillance practices;

2 (F) diagnostic laboratory capabilities; and

3 (G) emergency preparedness and response;

4 and

5 (2) promptly make publicly available the final
6 reports of any audits or reviews conducted pursuant
7 to paragraph (1).

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

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

21 (2) In this section, the term “iron and steel products”
22 means the following products made primarily of iron or
23 steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers
24 and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges,

1 pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, rein-
2 forced precast concrete, and construction materials.

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

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

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

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

15 (c) If the Secretary or the designee receives a request
16 for a waiver under this section, the Secretary or the des-
17 ignee shall make available to the public on an informal
18 basis a copy of the request and information available to
19 the Secretary or the designee concerning the request, and
20 shall allow for informal public input on the request for
21 at least 15 days prior to making a finding based on the
22 request. The Secretary or the designee shall make the re-
23 quest and accompanying information available by elec-
24 tronic means, including on the official public Internet Web
25 site of the Department.

1 (d) This section shall be applied in a manner con-
2 sistent with United States obligations under international
3 agreements.

4 (e) The Secretary may retain up to 0.25 percent of
5 the funds appropriated in this Act for “Rural Utilities
6 Service—Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Ac-
7 count” for carrying out the provisions described in sub-
8 section (a)(1) for management and oversight of the re-
9 quirements of this section.

10 (f) Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a
11 project for which the engineering plans and specifications
12 include use of iron and steel products otherwise prohibited
13 by such subsection if the plans and specifications have re-
14 ceived required approvals from State agencies prior to the
15 date of enactment of this Act.

16 (g) For purposes of this section, the terms “United
17 States” and “State” shall include each of the several
18 States, the District of Columbia, and each Federally rec-
19 ognized Indian Tribe.

20 SEC. 732. None of the funds appropriated by this Act
21 may be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence
22 congressional action on any legislation or appropriation
23 matters pending before Congress, other than to commu-
24 nicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C.
25 1913.

1 SEC. 733. Of the total amounts made available by
2 this Act for direct loans and grants under the following
3 headings: “Rural Housing Service—Rural Housing Insur-
4 ance Fund Program Account”; “Rural Housing Service—
5 Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants”; “Rural Housing
6 Service—Rural Housing Assistance Grants”; “Rural
7 Housing Service—Rural Community Facilities Program
8 Account”; “Rural Business—Cooperative Service—Rural
9 Business Program Account”; “Rural Business—Coopera-
10 tive Service—Rural Economic Development Loans Pro-
11 gram Account”; “Rural Business—Cooperative Service—
12 Rural Cooperative Development Grants”; “Rural Busi-
13 ness—Cooperative Service—Rural Microentrepreneur As-
14 sistance Program”; “Rural Utilities Service—Rural Water
15 and Waste Disposal Program Account”; “Rural Utilities
16 Service—Rural Electrification and Telecommunications
17 Loans Program Account”; and “Rural Utilities Service—
18 Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Pro-
19 gram”, to the maximum extent feasible, at least 10 per-
20 cent of the funds shall be allocated for assistance in per-
21 sistent poverty counties under this section, including, not-
22 withstanding any other provision regarding population
23 limits, any county seat of such a persistent poverty county
24 that has a population that does not exceed the authorized
25 population limit by more than 10 percent: *Provided*, That

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

12 SEC. 734. None of the funds made available by this
13 Act may be used to notify a sponsor or otherwise acknowl-
14 edge receipt of a submission for an exemption for inves-
15 tigational use of a drug or biological product under section
16 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21
17 U.S.C. 355(i)) or section 351(a)(3) of the Public Health
18 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262(a)(3)) in research in which
19 a human embryo is intentionally created or modified to
20 include a heritable genetic modification. Any such submis-
21 sion shall be deemed to have not been received by the Sec-
22 retary, and the exemption may not go into effect.

23 SEC. 735. None of the funds made available by this
24 or any other Act may be used to enforce the final rule
25 promulgated by the Food and Drug Administration enti-

1 tled “Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing,
2 and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption”, and
3 published on November 27, 2015, and the proposed rule
4 issued by the Food and Drug Administration pending at
5 the Office of Management and Budget entitled “Stand-
6 ards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding
7 Produce for Human Consumption Related to Agricultural
8 Water” (86 Fed. Reg. 69120 and 87 Fed. Reg. 42973),
9 with respect to the regulation of entities that grow, har-
10 vest, pack, or hold wine grapes, hops, pulse crops, or al-
11 monds.

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

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

20 (1) in contravention of section 7606 of the Ag-
21 ricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 5940), subtitle G
22 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, or sec-
23 tion 10114 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of
24 2018; or

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

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

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

1 tural land transaction that the Secretary of Agriculture
2 has reason to believe, based on information from or in co-
3 operation with the Intelligence Community, is a covered
4 transaction (A) that may pose a risk to the national secu-
5 rity of the United States, with particular emphasis on cov-
6 ered transactions of an interest in agricultural land by for-
7 eign governments or entities of concern, as defined in 42
8 U.S.C. 19221(a), including the People's Republic of
9 China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the
10 Russian Federation, and the Islamic Republic of Iran; and
11 (B) with respect to which a person is required to submit
12 a report to the Secretary of Agriculture under section 2(a)
13 of the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of
14 1978 (7 U.S.C. 3501(a)).

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

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

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

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

1 SEC. 743. For school year 2026–2027, only a school
2 food authority that had a negative balance in the nonprofit
3 school food service account as of June 30, 2025, shall be
4 required to establish a price for paid lunches in accordance
5 with section 12(p) of the Richard B. Russell National
6 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(p)).

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

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

22 SEC. 746. The Secretary, acting through the Chief
23 of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, may use
24 funds appropriated under this Act or any other Act for
25 the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program

1 and the Watershed Rehabilitation Program carried out
2 pursuant to the Watershed Protection and Flood Preven-
3 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), and for the Emergency
4 Watershed Protection Program carried out pursuant to
5 section 403 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (16
6 U.S.C. 2203) to provide technical services for such pro-
7 grams pursuant to section 1252(a)(1) of the Food Secu-
8 rity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3851(a)(1)), notwithstanding
9 subsection (c) of such section.

10 SEC. 747. In administering the pilot program estab-
11 lished by section 779 of division A of the Consolidated Ap-
12 propriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141), the Sec-
13 retary of Agriculture may, for purposes of determining en-
14 tities eligible to receive assistance, consider those commu-
15 nities which are “Areas Rural in Character”: *Provided*,
16 That not more than 10 percent of the funds made avail-
17 able under the heading “Distance Learning, Telemedicine,
18 and Broadband Program” for the purposes of the pilot
19 program established by section 779 of Public Law 115–
20 141 may be used for this purpose.

21 SEC. 748. In addition to amounts otherwise made
22 available by this Act and notwithstanding the last sentence
23 of 16 U.S.C. 1310, there is appropriated \$2,000,000, to
24 remain available until expended, to implement non-renew-
25 able agreements on eligible lands, including flooded agri-

1 cultural lands, as determined by the Secretary, under the
2 Water Bank Act (16 U.S.C. 1301–1311).

3 SEC. 749. A bank referenced in 12 U.S.C. 2128 may
4 make and participate in loans and commitments and pro-
5 vide technical and other financial assistance to coopera-
6 tives and any other public or private entity (except for the
7 Federal Government) for the purpose of installing, main-
8 taining, expanding, improving, or operating facilities in a
9 rural area as defined in 12 U.S.C. 2128(f) for the proc-
10 essing or disposal of waste from any source, provision of
11 telecommunication services, and producing electricity from
12 any source for use or sale by the borrower.

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

1 provided through any Community Project Funding/Con-
2 gressionally Directed Spending.

3 SEC. 751. There is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000,
4 to remain available until expended, to carry out section
5 758 of division B of Public Law 118–42, in addition to
6 amounts otherwise available for such purpose.

7 SEC. 752. None of the funds appropriated or other-
8 wise made available by this Act may be used by the Food
9 and Drug Administration (FDA) to issue or promote any
10 new guidelines or regulations applicable to food manufac-
11 turers of low risk ready-to-eat (RTE) foods for *Listeria*
12 *monocytogenes* (Lm) until the FDA considers the avail-
13 able new science in developing the Compliance Policy
14 Guide (CPG), Guidance for FDA Staff, section 555.320
15 *Listeria monocytogenes* regarding Lm in low-risk foods,
16 meaning foods that do not support the growth of Lm.

17 SEC. 753. For necessary expenses associated with
18 cotton classing activities pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 55, to in-
19 clude equipment and facility upgrades, and in addition to
20 any other funds made available for this purpose, there is
21 appropriated, \$4,000,000, to remain available until Sep-
22 tember 30, 2027: *Provided*, That amounts made available
23 in this section shall be treated as funds collected by fees
24 authorized under March 4, 1923, ch. 288, section 5, 42
25 Stat. 1518, as amended (7 U.S.C. 55).

1 SEC. 754. For an additional amount for the Office
2 of the Secretary, \$700,000, for the Office of Tribal Rela-
3 tions to cover costs incurred for the slaughtering, proc-
4 essing, and voluntary meat inspection fees, notwith-
5 standing the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7
6 U.S.C. 1622 et seq.) and 9 CFR part 352, for bison owned
7 by Tribal governments (as defined by the List Act of 1994
8 (25 U.S.C. 5131)), Tribal entities (including Tribal orga-
9 nizations and corporations), and Tribal members that
10 slaughter and process bison at establishments that receive
11 USDA voluntary inspection or state inspection.

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

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

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

3 (2) to inspect horses under section 903 of the
4 Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of
5 1996 (7 U.S.C. 1901 note; Public Law 104–127); or

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

9 SEC. 757. There is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000,
10 to remain available until expended, to carry out section
11 2103 of Public Law 115–334: *Provided*, That the Sec-
12 retary shall prioritize the wetland compliance needs of
13 areas with significant numbers of individual wetlands, wet-
14 land acres, and conservation compliance requests.

15 SEC. 758. There is appropriated \$3,000,000 for the
16 emergency and transitional pet shelter and housing assist-
17 ance grant program established under section 12502(b) of
18 the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (34 U.S.C.
19 20127).

20 SEC. 759. The National Academies of Sciences, Engi-
21 neering and Medicine (NASEM) were tasked with pro-
22 viding findings and recommendations on alcohol consump-
23 tion for the purposes of inclusion in the 2025 Dietary
24 Guidelines for Americans as required by section 772 of
25 division A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023

1 (Public Law 117–328): *Provided*, That the Secretary of
2 Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Agri-
3 culture shall only consider the findings and recommenda-
4 tions of the NASEM report in the development of the
5 2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and further, both
6 Secretaries shall ensure that the alcohol consumption rec-
7 ommendations in the 2025 Dietary Guidelines for Ameri-
8 cans shall be based on the preponderance of scientific and
9 medical knowledge consistent with section 5341 of title 7
10 of United States Code.

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

1 ized by section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
2 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(c)).”.

3 (b) Section 780 of division B of Public Law 118–42
4 and such section as continued in effect as an authority
5 and condition under section 1101(a)(1) of Public Law
6 119–4 shall no longer apply.

7 SEC. 761. Notwithstanding any other provision of
8 law, the acceptable market name of any engineered animal
9 approved prior to the effective date of the National Bio-
10 engineered Food Disclosure Standard (February 19,
11 2019) shall include the words “genetically engineered”
12 prior to the existing acceptable market name.

13 SEC. 762. For an additional amount for the Office
14 of the Secretary, \$5,250,000, to remain available until ex-
15 pended, to continue the Institute for Rural Partnerships
16 as established in section 778 of Public Law 117–103: *Pro-*
17 *vided*, That the Institute for Rural Partnerships shall con-
18 tinue to dedicate resources to researching the causes and
19 conditions of challenges facing rural areas, and develop
20 community partnerships to address such challenges: *Pro-*
21 *vided further*, That administrative or other fees shall not
22 exceed one percent: *Provided further*, That such partner-
23 ship shall coordinate and publish an annual report.

24 SEC. 763. There is hereby appropriated \$500,000 to
25 carry out the duties of the working group established

1 under section 770 of the Agriculture, Rural Development,
2 Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Ap-
3 propriations Act, 2019 (Public Law 116–6; 133 Stat. 89).

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

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

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

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

18 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the fol-
19 lowing:

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

22 SEC. 766. The last proviso in the second paragraph
23 under the heading “Rural Community Facilities Program
24 Account” in division B of the Consolidated Appropriations
25 Act, 2024 (Public Law 118–42) shall be amended to read

1 as follows: “*Provided further*, That in addition to any other
2 available funds, the Secretary may expend not more than
3 \$1,000,000 total, from the program funds made available
4 under this heading, for administrative expenses for activi-
5 ties funded under this heading and in section 778(1).”.

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

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

24 SEC. 769. Of the unobligated balances from prior
25 year appropriations made available under the heading

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

12 SEC. 770. Of the unobligated balances from prior
13 year appropriations made available in the “Working Cap-
14 ital Fund”, \$78,000,000 are hereby permanently re-
15 scinded: *Provided*, That no amounts may be rescinded
16 from amounts that were designated by the Congress as
17 an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent reso-
18 lution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-
19 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

20 SEC. 771. None of the funds made available to the
21 Department of Agriculture in this or any other Act may
22 be used to close or consolidate the resources or locations
23 of any existing Agricultural Research Service laboratories
24 and facilities without prior notification and approval of the

1 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
2 gress.

3 SEC. 772. (a) Of the amounts made available in this
4 Act under the heading “Department of Health and
5 Human Services—Food and Drug Administration—Sala-
6 ries and Expenses” that are derived from tobacco product
7 user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 387s, not less than
8 \$200,000,000 shall be used by the Commissioner of Food
9 and Drugs for enforcement activities related to e-ciga-
10 rettes, vapes, and other electronic nicotine delivery sys-
11 tems (in this section referred to as “ENDS”), including
12 activities under section 801(a) of the Federal Food, Drug,
13 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 381(a)): *Provided*, That not
14 less than \$2,000,000 of such amount shall be used to con-
15 tinue the activities of the Federal multi-agency task force
16 led by the Department of Justice, Department of Home-
17 land Security, and the FDA to further work to bring all
18 available criminal and civil tools to bear against the illegal
19 manufacture, importation, distribution, and sale of e-ciga-
20 rettes, vapes, and other ENDS products from the Republic
21 of China and other foreign countries.

22 (b) Not later than 365 days after the date of enact-
23 ment of this Act, the Commissioner of Food and Drugs
24 shall update the FDA document titled “Enforcement Pri-
25 orities for Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)

1 and Other Deemed Products on the Market Without Pre-
2 market Authorization”, published in January 2020 and
3 updated in April 2020, to expand FDA’s prioritized en-
4 forcement to flavored disposable ENDS products in addi-
5 tion to cartridge-based products and to define the term
6 “disposable ENDS product.”

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

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

20 (e) Within 180 days the FDA shall submit a report
21 to the Committee of Appropriations of both Houses of
22 Congress detailing the Agency’s activities to educate re-
23 tailers in determining which products are legal for sale.

24 SEC. 773. (a) Fees derived from amounts assessed
25 and collected for fiscal year 2026, credited under the head-

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

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

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

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

18 SEC. 774. (a) Section 260 of the Agricultural Mar-
19 keting Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1636i) is amended by strik-
20 ing “2025” and inserting “2026”.

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

24 SEC. 775. None of the funds appropriated or other-
25 wise made available by this Act may be used by the Food

1 and Drug Administration to develop, issue, promote, or
2 advance any final guidelines or new regulations applicable
3 to food manufacturers for long-term population-wide so-
4 dium reduction actions until an assessment is completed
5 on the impact of the short-term sodium reduction targets.

6 SEC. 776. There is hereby appropriated \$3,000,000,
7 to remain available until expended, for the Secretary of
8 Agriculture to conduct a new pilot program to support on-
9 the-ground local Energy Circuit Riders who provide pro-
10 fessional support to rural communities for the purpose of
11 undertaking projects that save energy and reduce emis-
12 sions: *Provided*, That for the purpose of the new pilot pro-
13 gram, the Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary
14 for Rural Development, shall have the authority to provide
15 amounts, including in the form of grants, cooperative
16 agreements, and other financial assistance, to States, In-
17 dian Tribes, cooperative extension services, institutions of
18 higher education, cooperatives and cooperative organiza-
19 tions, regional planning commissions or other public enti-
20 ties serving two or more rural areas: *Provided further*,
21 That the period of performance under this pilot program
22 shall be more than 3 but not more than 6 years: *Provided*
23 *further*, That the Federal share shall not be more than
24 75 percent: *Provided further*, That an eligible entity using
25 funds provided under the pilot program shall offer assist-

1 ance with energy planning, energy audits, applicable Fed-
2 eral funding opportunities, tax incentives, project financ-
3 ing, grant writing, community-based capacity building, or
4 applicable State, local, and utility-based incentives, includ-
5 ing, as appropriate, coordinating with relevant State en-
6 ergy offices.

7 SEC. 777. For purposes of applying the Federal Food
8 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.), within
9 30 days of enactment of this Act, the Food and Drug Ad-
10 ministration is directed to engage with industry stake-
11 holders to update the acceptable market name for the fol-
12 lowing fishes: *Sebastes alutus*, *Sebastes borealis*,
13 *Sebastes ciliatus*, *Sebastes crameri*, *Sebastes entomelas*,
14 *Sebastes flavidus*, *Sebastes goodei*, *Sebastes levis*,
15 *Sebastes melanops*, *Sebastes miniatus*, *Sebastes ovalis*,
16 *Sebastes paucispinis*, *Sebastes pinniger*, *Sebastes proriger*,
17 *Sebastes reedi*, *Sebastes ruberrimus*, *Sebastes rufus*, and
18 *Sebastes serranoides*: *Provided*, That within 180 days of
19 enactment of this Act, the Food and Drug Administration
20 is directed to provide industry stakeholders with new mar-
21 keting name proposals and is directed to update its Fish
22 and Fishery Products Hazards and Controls Guidance and
23 any other relevant guidance to reflect the new market
24 name once a new marketing name is agreed to expedi-
25 tiously.

1 SEC. 778. For purposes of applying the Federal Food
2 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.), Hawaii
3 grown or produced coffee shall contain at least 51 percent
4 of coffee grown in Kona, Kau, Maui, Oahu, Kauai, or
5 other areas of the State of Hawaii: *Provided*, That based
6 on the region it is produced or grown, the common or
7 usual names shall be Kona Coffee, Kau Coffee, Maui Coffee,
8 fee, Oahu Coffee, Kauai Coffee, or Hawaii Coffee.

9 SEC. 779. None of the funds made available for any
10 department or agency in this or any other appropriations
11 Acts, including prior year Acts, shall be used to close Natural
12 Resources Conservation Service or Rural Development
13 mission area field offices or to permanently relocate
14 any field-based employees of those agencies that would result
15 in an office with two or fewer employees without prior
16 notification and approval of the Committees on Appropriations
17 of both Houses of Congress.

18 SEC. 780. No funds appropriated by this Act may be
19 used to administer or enforce the “Requirements for Additional
20 Traceability Records for Certain Foods”, published
21 on November 21, 2022 (87 Fed. Reg. 70910), or any other
22 rule promulgated in accordance with section 204 of the
23 FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (21 U.S.C. 2223),
24 prior to July 20, 2028. Further, the U.S. Food and Drug
25 Administration shall:

1 (1) Engage quarterly with the regulated enti-
2 ties, including farms, restaurants, retail food estab-
3 lishments, and warehouses distributing to retail food
4 establishments and restaurants, to identify and im-
5 plement, as appropriate, additional flexibilities for
6 satisfying the rule’s lot-level tracking requirement,
7 as appropriate, such that regulated entities can com-
8 ply with the November 21, 2022, rule consistent
9 with section 204(d)(1)(L)(iii), which prohibits the
10 agency from requiring product tracking to the case
11 level.

12 (2) Within 180 days of enactment of this Act,
13 the Food and Drug Administration is directed to
14 provide industry stakeholders with recommendations
15 for these additional flexibilities satisfying the rule’s
16 lot-level tracking requirement, as appropriate.

17 (3) The FDA shall provide assistance to indus-
18 try regarding how to handle food waste recovery,
19 reclamation, intra-company transfers, customer re-
20 turns under the rule and initiate a series of hypo-
21 thetical data intake exercises to test the capabilities
22 of the FDA’s Product Tracing System and, upon re-
23 quest and as resources allow, the covered entity sys-
24 tems and identify any technical difficulties prior to
25 full implementation.

1 SEC. 781. Effective 365 days after the enactment of
2 this Act, Section 297A of the Agricultural Marketing Act
3 of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1639o) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through
5 (6) as paragraphs (4) through (8), respectively; and
6 (2) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the
7 following:

8 “(1) HEMP.—

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

18 “(B) INCLUSION.—Such term includes in-
19 dustrial hemp.

20 “(C) EXCLUSIONS.—Such term does not
21 include—

22 “(i) any viable seeds from a *Cannabis*
23 *sativa* L. plant that exceeds a total
24 tetrahydrocannabinols concentration (in-
25 cluding tetrahydrocannabinolic acid) of 0.3

1 percent in the plant on a dry weight basis;

2 or

3 “(ii) any intermediate hemp-derived
4 cannabinoid products containing—

5 “(I) cannabinoids that are not
6 capable of being naturally produced
7 by a *Cannabis sativa* L. plant;

8 “(II) cannabinoids that—

9 “(aa) are capable of being
10 naturally produced by a *Cannabis*
11 *sativa* L. plant; and

12 “(bb) were synthesized or
13 manufactured outside the plant;
14 or

15 “(III) more than 0.3 percent
16 combined total of—

17 “(aa) total
18 tetrahydrocannabinols (including
19 tetrahydrocannabinolic acid); and

20 “(bb) any other
21 cannabinoids that have similar
22 effects (or are marketed to have
23 similar effects) on humans or
24 animals as a
25 tetrahydrocannabinol (as deter-

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1 mined by the Secretary of Health
2 and Human Services); or

3 “(iii) any intermediate hemp-derived
4 cannabinoid products which are marketed
5 or sold as a final product or directly to an
6 end consumer for personal or household
7 use; or

8 “(iv) any final hemp-derived
9 cannabinoid products containing—

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

13 “(II) cannabinoids that—

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

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

20 “(III) greater than 0.4 milli-
21 grams combined total per container
22 of—

23 “(aa) total
24 tetrahydrocannabinols (including
25 tetrahydrocannabinolic acid); and

1 “(bb) any other
2 cannabinoids that have similar
3 effects (or are marketed to have
4 similar effects) on humans or
5 animals as a
6 tetrahydrocannabinol (as deter-
7 mined by the Secretary of Health
8 and Human Services).

9 “(2) INDUSTRIAL HEMP.—The term ‘industrial
10 hemp’ means hemp—

11 “(A) grown for the use of the stalk of the
12 plant, fiber produced from such a stalk, or any
13 other non-cannabinoid derivative, mixture, prep-
14 aration, or manufacture of such a stalk;

15 “(B) grown for the use of the whole grain,
16 oil, cake, nut, hull, or any other non-
17 cannabinoid compound, derivative, mixture,
18 preparation, or manufacture of the seeds of
19 such plant;

20 “(C) grown for purposes of producing
21 microgreens or other edible hemp leaf products
22 intended for human consumption that are de-
23 rived from an immature hemp plant that is
24 grown from seeds that do not exceed the

1 threshold for total tetrahydrocannabinols con-
2 centration specified in paragraph (1)(C)(i);

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

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

13 “(3) HEMP-DERIVED CANNABINOID PROD-
14 UCT.—

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

19 “(i) contains cannabinoids in any
20 form; and

21 “(ii) is intended for human or animal
22 use through any means of application or
23 administration, such as inhalation, inges-
24 tion, or topical application.

1 “(B) The term ‘intermediate hemp-derived
2 cannabinoid product’ means a hemp-derived
3 cannabinoid product which—

4 “(i) is not yet in the final form or
5 preparation marketed or intended to be
6 used or consumed by a human or animal;
7 or

8 “(ii) is a powder, liquid, tablet, oil, or
9 other product form which is intended or
10 marketed to be mixed, dissolved, formu-
11 lated, or otherwise added to or prepared
12 with or into any other substance prior to
13 administration or consumption.

14 “(C) The term ‘container’ means the in-
15 nermost wrapping, packaging, or vessel in di-
16 rect contact with a final hemp-derived
17 cannabinoid product in which the final hemp-
18 derived cannabinoid product is enclosed for re-
19 tail sale to consumers, such as a jar, bottle,
20 bag, box, packet, can, carton, or cartridge.

21 “(D) The term container excludes bulk
22 shipping containers or outer wrappings that are
23 not essential for the final retail delivery or sale
24 to an end consumer for personal or household
25 use.

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

6 (3) Within 90 days of the enactment of this act,
7 the Food and Drug Administration, in consultation
8 with other relevant Federal agencies, shall publish—

9 (A) a list of all cannabinoids known to
10 FDA to be capable of being naturally produced
11 by a Cannabis sativa L. plant, as reflected in
12 peer reviewed literature;

13 (B) a list of all tetrahydrocannabinol class
14 cannabinoids known to the agency to be natu-
15 rally occurring in the plant;

16 (C) a list of all other know cannabinoids
17 with similar effects to, or marketed to have
18 similar effects to, tetrahydrocannabinol class
19 cannabinoids; and

20 (D) additional information and specificity
21 about the term “container”, as defined in para-
22 graph (3)(C).

23 SEC. 782. In addition to amounts otherwise made
24 available, there is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000, to re-
25 main available until expended, for the Meat and Poultry

1 Processing Expansion Program established pursuant to
2 section 1001(b)(4) of the American Rescue Plan Act of
3 2021 (Public Law 117–2) to award grants to processors
4 of invasive, wild-caught catfish.

5 SEC. 783. (a) During the period beginning on the ef-
6 fective date of the final rule entitled “Food Labeling: Nu-
7 trient Content Claims; Definition of Term ‘Healthy’ ” pub-
8 lished in the Federal Register by the Food and Drug Ad-
9 ministration on December 27, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 106064
10 et seq.) and ending on the compliance date specified in
11 such final rule (referred to in this section as the “compli-
12 ance period”), a manufacturer may also continue to com-
13 ply with the requirements in effect on the day before such
14 effective date relating to an implied nutrient content claim
15 of “healthy” made with respect to a food.

16 (b) In the case of a food that bears labeling making
17 an implied nutrition content claim that the food is
18 “healthy” during the compliance period, the manufacturer
19 of the food shall not be directly or indirectly subject to
20 any State law requirement relating to labeling making an
21 implied nutrient content claim that a food is “healthy”
22 during such period that is not identical to either—

23 (1) the Federal requirements for labeling to
24 make an implied nutrition content claim that a food

1 is “healthy” that were in effect on the day before
2 the effective date of such final rule; or

3 (2) the updated Federal requirements specified
4 in the final rule for such a claim.

5 SEC. 784. Of the unobligated balances available in
6 the Department of the Treasury, Treasury Forfeiture
7 Fund, established by section 9703 of title 31, United
8 States Code, \$350,000,000 shall be permanently rescinded
9 not later than September 30, 2026.

10 SEC. 785. The Commissioner of the Food and Drug
11 Administration shall develop a report to determine the
12 cost and any implications associated with efforts to issue
13 a proposed rule and implement FDA guidance and en-
14 forcement for setting standards for pet and animal food
15 labeling and ingredient regulation: *Provided*, That the re-
16 port shall—

17 (1) cover intent for harmonization across state
18 and Federal regulatory bodies for pet and animal
19 food labeling and ingredients;

20 (2) include timelines for developing guidelines,
21 proposed regulations, resource and personnel needs
22 to implement such standards, and where FDA would
23 need additional authority to implement any proposed
24 changes; and

1 be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Ap-
2 propriations within 120 days of enactment of this Act.

3 SEC. 786. Any remaining unobligated balances from
4 amounts made available by section 743 of division A of
5 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law
6 115–31) may be used, in addition to any funds otherwise
7 made available for such purposes, for plans, construction,
8 repair, preventive maintenance, environmental support,
9 improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed
10 equipment or facilities, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2250,
11 and acquisition of land as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2268a.

12 SEC. 787. For fiscal year 2026, the maximum month-
13 ly allowances of fluid milk for the following food packages
14 described in section 246.10(e) of title 7, Code of Federal
15 Regulations, are:

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

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

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

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

20 (5) For Food Package III, the maximum
21 monthly allowances of fluid milk should conform to
22 the changes made to food packages IV, V, VI, and
23 VII in this section.

24 SEC. 788. The Secretary of Agriculture shall—

1 (1) conduct a study to determine the feasibility
2 of applying the Buy American requirement (as de-
3 scribed in section 201.21(d) of title 7 of the Code
4 of Federal Regulations (2022)) to the supplemental
5 nutrition assistance program under the Food and
6 Nutrition Act of 2008, and the special supplemental
7 nutrition program as authorized by section 17 of the
8 Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786), in-
9 cluding the impact applying such requirement would
10 have on the agricultural economy of the United
11 States; and

12 (2) not later than 1 year after the date of en-
13 actment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit the
14 results of such study to the House and Senate Com-
15 mittees on Appropriations, the House Agriculture
16 Committee, and the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition,
17 and Forestry Committee.

18 SEC. 789. (a) The Secretary shall prepare a report
19 by account that details the status of all projects specified
20 in the table titled “Community Project Funding/Congres-
21 sionally Directed Spending” in the explanatory statements
22 accompanying prior year Agriculture, Rural Development,
23 Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Ap-
24 propriations Acts, as described in section 4 in the matter
25 preceding division A of such Acts: *Provided*, That such re-

1 port shall include a breakout showing the subset of
2 projects for which funds have not yet been obligated, or
3 for which funds have been deobligated, an explanation for
4 each such project's obligation status, the fiscal year in
5 which funds were originally made available for such
6 project, and the period of availability of such funds.

7 (b) The Secretary shall submit the report described
8 in subsection (a) to the Committees on Appropriations of
9 the House of Representatives and the Senate on whichever
10 of the following first occurs—

11 (1) concurrent with the department's budget re-
12 quest for fiscal year 2027.

13 (2) February 15, 2026.

14 SEC. 790. The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide
15 written notification to the House and Senate Committees
16 on Appropriations no fewer than 3 business days in ad-
17 vance of termination of any grant, cooperative agreement,
18 or contract award totaling \$1,000,000 or more issued
19 from funds made available in this Act or any previous Act:
20 *Provided*, That such notification shall include the recipient
21 of the award, the amount of the award, the fiscal year
22 for which the funds for the award were appropriated, the
23 account and program, project, or activity from which the
24 funds are being drawn, the title of the award, and a de-
25 tailed justification for the termination.

1 This division may be cited as the “Agriculture, Rural
2 Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Re-
3 lated Agency Appropriations Act, 2026”.