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S. 1555

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to reform funding for the Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 29, 2005

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. CORZINE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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

3 **SECTION 1. SENIORS FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PRO-**
4 **GRAM.**

5 (a) FUNDING.—Section 4402 of the Farm Security
6 and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 3007) is
7 amended by striking subsection (a) and inserting the fol-
8 lowing:

1 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Agri-
2 culture shall use funds available to the Commodity Credit
3 Corporation to carry out and expand a seniors farmers’
4 market nutrition program in the following amounts, to re-
5 main available until expended:

6 “(1) For fiscal year 2005, not less than
7 \$25,000,000.

8 “(2) For fiscal year 2006, not less than
9 \$50,000,000.

10 “(3) For fiscal year 2007, not less than
11 \$75,000,000.”.

12 (b) PURPOSES.—Section 4402(b)(1) of that Act (7
13 U.S.C. 3007(b)(1)) is amended—

14 (1) by striking “unprepared” and inserting
15 “minimally processed”; and

16 (2) by striking “and herbs” and inserting
17 “herbs, and other locally-produced farm products, as
18 the Secretary considers appropriate”.

19 (c) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; UNEXPENDED
20 FUNDS.—Section 4402 of the Farm Security and Rural
21 Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 3007) is amended by
22 adding at the end the following:

23 “(d) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Not more than 10
24 percent of the funds made available for a fiscal year under

- 1 subsection (a) may be used to pay the administrative costs
- 2 of carrying out this section.”.

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