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H. R. 4714

To prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment
in agriculture research.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BUSTOS (for herself, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. SCHRIER, and Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national
investment in agriculture research.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “America Grows Act
5 of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. FUNDING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
8 priated to each funding recipient described in subsection

1 (b), as determined by the Director of the Office of Man-
2 agement and Budget—

3 (1) for fiscal year 2020, not less than 105 per-
4 cent of the amount of new budget authority made
5 available in appropriation Acts for that recipient for
6 fiscal year 2019, adjusted for inflation;

7 (2) for fiscal year 2021, not less than 105 per-
8 cent of the amount determined under paragraph (1)
9 for that recipient, adjusted for inflation;

10 (3) for fiscal year 2022, not less than 105 per-
11 cent of the amount determined under paragraph (2)
12 for that recipient, adjusted for inflation;

13 (4) for fiscal year 2023, not less than 105 per-
14 cent of the amount determined under paragraph (3)
15 for that recipient, adjusted for inflation; and

16 (5) for fiscal year 2024, not less than 105 per-
17 cent of the amount determined under paragraph (4)
18 for that recipient, adjusted for inflation.

19 (b) FUNDING RECIPIENTS DESCRIBED.—The fund-
20 ing recipients referred to in subsection (a) are—

21 (1) the Agricultural Research Service;

22 (2) the Economic Research Service;

23 (3) the National Agricultural Statistics Service;

24 and

1 (4) the National Institute of Food and Agri-
2 culture.

3 **SEC. 3. BUDGETARY PROVISIONS.**

4 (a) CAP ADJUSTMENTS.—Section 251(b)(2) of the
5 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
6 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)) is amended by adding at the
7 end the following:

8 “(G) AGRICULTURE RESEARCH.—

9 “(i) ADJUSTMENT FOR ADDITIONAL
10 FUNDING.—If a bill or joint resolution
11 making appropriations for a fiscal year is
12 enacted that specifies amounts for an agri-
13 cultural research funding recipient, then
14 the adjustments for that fiscal year shall
15 be the amount of additional new budget
16 authority provided in that Act for that ag-
17 ricultural research funding recipient for
18 that fiscal year, but shall not exceed—

19 “(I) for fiscal year 2020, the dif-
20 ference between—

21 “(aa) the amount of new
22 budget authority made available
23 in appropriation Acts for that ag-
24 ricultural research funding recipi-
25 ent for fiscal year 2019; and

1 “(bb) the amount deter-
2 mined by the Director under sec-
3 tion 2(a)(1) of the America
4 Grows Act of 2019 with respect
5 to that agricultural research
6 funding recipient;

7 “(II) for fiscal year 2021, the
8 difference between—

9 “(aa) the amount of new
10 budget authority made available
11 in appropriation Acts for that ag-
12 ricultural research funding recipi-
13 ent for fiscal year 2019; and

14 “(bb) the amount deter-
15 mined by the Director under sec-
16 tion 2(a)(2) of the America
17 Grows Act of 2019 with respect
18 to that agricultural research
19 funding recipient;

20 “(III) for fiscal year 2022, the
21 difference between—

22 “(aa) the amount of new
23 budget authority made available
24 in appropriation Acts for that ag-

1 agricultural research funding recipi-
2 ent for fiscal year 2019; and

3 “(bb) the amount deter-
4 mined by the Director under sec-
5 tion 2(a)(3) of the America
6 Grows Act of 2019 with respect
7 to that agricultural research
8 funding recipient;

9 “(IV) for fiscal year 2023, the
10 difference between—

11 “(aa) the amount of new
12 budget authority made available
13 in appropriation Acts for that ag-
14 ricultural research funding recipi-
15 ent for fiscal year 2019; and

16 “(bb) the amount deter-
17 mined by the Director under sec-
18 tion 2(a)(4) of the America
19 Grows Act of 2019 with respect
20 to that agricultural research
21 funding recipient; and

22 “(V) for fiscal year 2024, the dif-
23 ference between—

24 “(aa) the amount of new
25 budget authority made available

1 in appropriation Acts for that ag-
2 ricultural research funding recipi-
3 ent for fiscal year 2019; and

4 “(bb) the amount deter-
5 mined by the Director under sec-
6 tion 2(a)(5) of the America
7 Grows Act of 2019 with respect
8 to that agricultural research
9 funding recipient.

10 “(ii) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this
11 subparagraph:

12 “(I) ADDITIONAL NEW BUDGET
13 AUTHORITY.—The term ‘additional
14 new budget authority’ means, with re-
15 spect to an agricultural research fund-
16 ing recipient, the amount of new
17 budget authority provided for a fiscal
18 year in an appropriation Act for that
19 agricultural research funding recipient
20 that is in excess of the amount of new
21 budget authority provided in fiscal
22 year 2019 in an appropriation Act for
23 that agricultural research funding re-
24 cipient.

1 “(II) AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
2 FUNDING RECIPIENT.—The term ‘ag-
3 ricultural research funding recipient’
4 means a funding recipient described
5 in section 2(b) of the America Grows
6 Act of 2019.

7 “(III) DIRECTOR.—The term
8 ‘Director’ means the Director of the
9 Office of Management and Budget.”.

10 (b) MINIMUM CONTINUED FUNDING REQUIRE-
11 MENT.—The amount of new budget authority made avail-
12 able in appropriation Acts for a funding recipient de-
13 scribed in section 2(b) for each of fiscal years 2020
14 through 2024, and each subsequent fiscal year, shall not
15 be less than the amount of new budget authority made
16 available in appropriation Acts for that funding recipient
17 for fiscal year 2019.

18 (c) EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS FROM
19 SEQUESTRATION.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 255(g)(1)(A) of the
21 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control
22 Act (2 U.S.C. 905(g)(1)(A)) is amended by inserting
23 after “Advances to the Unemployment Trust Fund
24 and Other Funds (16–0327–0–1–600).” the fol-
25 lowing:

1 “Appropriations pursuant to section
2 2(a) of the America Grows Act of 2019.”.

3 (2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by
4 this section shall apply to any sequestration order
5 issued under the Balanced Budget and Emergency
6 Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900 et seq.)
7 on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

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