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# S. 2458

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DURBIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred  
to the Committee on the Budget

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## A BILL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19                 (1) the Agricultural Research Service;

20                 (2) the Economic Research Service;

21                 (3) the National Agricultural Statistics Service;

22          and

23                 (4) the National Institute of Food and Agri-  
24          culture.

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

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

6 “(G) AGRICULTURE RESEARCH.—

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

17 “(I) for fiscal year 2020, the dif-  
18 ference between—

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

24 “(bb) the amount deter-  
25 mined by the Director under sec-  
26 tion 2(a)(1) of the America

1 Grows Act of 2019 with respect  
2 to that agricultural research  
3 funding recipient;

4 “(II) for fiscal year 2021, the  
5 difference between—

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

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

17 “(III) for fiscal year 2022, the  
18 difference between—

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

24 “(bb) the amount deter-  
25 mined by the Director under sec-

1                   tion 2(a)(3) of the America  
2                   Grows Act of 2019 with respect  
3                   to that agricultural research  
4                   funding recipient;

5                   “(IV) for fiscal year 2023, the  
6                   difference between—

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

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

18                  “(V) for fiscal year 2024, the dif-  
19                  ference between—

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

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

7           “(ii) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this  
8           subparagraph:

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

22          “(II) AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH  
23          FUNDING RECIPIENT.—The term ‘ag-  
24          ricultural research funding recipient’  
25          means a funding recipient described

1 in section 2(b) of the America Grows  
2 Act of 2019.

3 “(III) DIRECTOR.—The term  
4 ‘Director’ means the Director of the  
5 Office of Management and Budget.”.

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

14 (c) EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS FROM  
15 SEQUESTRATION.—

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

22 “Appropriations pursuant to section  
23 2(a) of the America Grows Act of 2019.”.

24 (2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by  
25 this section shall apply to any sequestration order

1 issued under the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
2 Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900 et seq.)  
3 on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

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