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To offset retaliatory duties against the United States by establishing a fund to promote the exports of United States agricultural commodities and products.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. HEITKAMP introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Agricultural Export
5 Promotion Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The President has made clear his intention
9 to aggressively take actions pursuant to section 232

1 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C.
2 1862) and section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19
3 U.S.C. 2411) to increase duties on certain imports.

4 (2) In retaliation, the governments of foreign
5 countries affected by such duty increases have al-
6 ready raised duties on exports of United States agri-
7 cultural commodities and products, or may do so.

8 (3) Without offsetting actions to increase ex-
9 ports of United States agricultural commodities and
10 products into third-country markets, increased du-
11 ties on such exports threaten to reduce employment
12 and output in the agricultural sector of the United
13 States economy.

14 **SEC. 3. UNITED STATES AGRICULTURAL EXPORT PRO-**
15 **MOTION FUND.**

16 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND.**—There is estab-
17 lished in the Treasury a fund to be known as the “United
18 States Agricultural Export Promotion Fund”, consisting
19 of such amounts as may be transferred to the fund pursu-
20 ant to subsection (b), to remain available until expended.

21 (b) **TRANSFERS TO FUND.**—The Secretary of the
22 Treasury shall transfer to the United States Agricultural
23 Export Promotion Fund from the general fund of the
24 Treasury an amount equivalent to the amount of duties
25 collected after the date of the enactment of this Act and

1 imposed pursuant to section 232 of the Trade Expansion
2 Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1862) or section 301 of the Trade
3 Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2411).

4 (c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Amounts in the United
6 States Agricultural Export Promotion Fund shall be
7 available to the Secretary of Agriculture, without
8 further appropriation, to carry out activities of the
9 Foreign Market Development Program, the Market
10 Access Program, and the Technical Assistance for
11 Specialty Crops program to promote exports of
12 United States agricultural commodities and prod-
13 ucts.

14 (2) PRIORITY.—In carrying out paragraph (1),
15 the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent prac-
16 ticable, give priority to promoting exports of agricul-
17 tural commodities and products of United States
18 businesses that are adversely affected by increases in
19 duties imposed on United States exports by foreign
20 countries in response to increases in duties on im-
21 ports from such foreign countries pursuant to sec-
22 tion 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (19
23 U.S.C. 1862) or section 301 of the Trade Act of
24 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2411).

1 (3) ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS.—Amounts made
2 available under this subsection are in addition to
3 amounts otherwise made available for activities of
4 the Foreign Market Development Program, the Mar-
5 ket Access Program, and the Technical Assistance
6 for Specialty Crops program in accordance with the
7 purpose described in paragraph (1).

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