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H. R. 7035

To amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to provide for emergency supplemental funding under local agriculture market program for COVID–19 losses, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 27, 2020

Ms. MENG (for herself and Mr. UPTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Farm to Fridge Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING UNDER**
2 **LOCAL AGRICULTURE MARKET PROGRAM**
3 **FOR COVID-19 LOSSES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 210A(d) of the Agricul-
5 tural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1627c(d)) is
6 amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(7) PAYMENTS FOR COVID-19 LOSSES.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
9 make payments to entities eligible to receive a
10 grant under this paragraph (5) or (6) who sub-
11 mit to the Secretary an application at such
12 time, in such manner, and containing—

13 “(i) a description of how the appli-
14 cant’s business has been impacted by
15 COVID-19;

16 “(ii) a narrative explaining how the
17 applicant proposes to use such payments to
18 expand the capacity of their sales in order
19 to properly package and sell agricultural
20 products to consumers either through gro-
21 cery stores or direct sale; and

22 “(iii) such other information as the
23 Secretary may require.

24 “(B) APPLICABILITY OF LIMITATIONS.—A
25 payment under this paragraph shall not be sub-

1 ject to the limitations specified under subpara-
2 graphs (D) and (E) of paragraphs (5) and (6).

3 “(C) BUY AMERICAN.—Chapter 83 of title
4 41, United States Code, shall apply with re-
5 spect to purchases made using payments re-
6 ceived under this paragraph.”.

7 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
8 210A(i)(3)(A) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946
9 (7 U.S.C. 1627c(i)(3)(A)) is amended by adding at the
10 end the following:

11 “(iii) PAYMENTS FOR COVID–19
12 LOSSES.—There are authorized to be ap-
13 propriated, in addition to the amounts
14 made available under paragraph (2), to
15 provide payments under subsection
16 (d)(7)—

17 “(I) \$20,000,000 for payments
18 to entities eligible to receive a grant
19 under subsection (d)(5); and

20 “(II) \$14,000,000 for payments
21 to entities eligible to receive a grant
22 under subsection (d)(6).”.

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