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H. R. 3794

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to track the distribution of all farm subsidies by race, gender, and size of the farm operation and to make such information about farm subsidies available to the public.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RUSH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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

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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 Subsidy Trans-
5 parency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DATA ON RECEIPT OF BENEFITS UNDER AGRICULTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2018.**

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3 Subtitle G of title I of the Agriculture Improvement
4 Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–334) is amended by adding
5 at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 1708. DATA ON THOSE RECEIVING BENEFITS.**

7 “As soon as practicable after the date of enactment
8 of this section and notwithstanding any other provision of
9 law, the Secretary shall—

10 “(1) track—

11 “(A) the benefits provided, directly or indi-
12 rectly, to individuals and entities under this
13 title, title II, and title VII and the amendments
14 made by those titles, including—

15 “(i) the race and gender of the indi-
16 viduals directly or indirectly receiving the
17 benefits;

18 “(ii) the race and gender of individual
19 receiving the benefits through an entity
20 and the race and gender of all individuals
21 who comprise such entity; and

22 “(iii) the rented, owned, or controlled
23 acreage of the farm or ranch of the recipi-
24 ent; and

25 “(B) the race and gender of individuals
26 who applied for the benefits described in sub-

1 paragraph (A) and did not receive such bene-
2 fits;

3 “(2) annually make the information tracked
4 pursuant to paragraph (1) publicly available on the
5 website of the Department of Agriculture; and

6 “(3) annually submit to the Committee on Agri-
7 culture of the House of Representatives and the
8 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
9 of the Senate, a report that includes the information
10 tracked pursuant to paragraph (1).”.

11 **SEC. 3. DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION RELATING**
12 **TO INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES THAT OB-**
13 **TAINED FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 506(m) of the Federal
15 Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1506(m)) is amended—

16 (1) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-
17 graph (5); and

18 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3), the fol-
19 lowing:

20 “(4) COLLECTION AND RELEASE OF INFORMA-
21 TION IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
23 other provision of law, except as provided in
24 subparagraph (C), the Corporation shall on an
25 annual basis shall require the collection of—

1 “(i) the name, race, and gender of
2 each individual or each individual that
3 comprises an entity that directly or indi-
4 rectly obtained a federally subsidized crop
5 insurance, livestock, or forage policy or
6 plan of insurance during the previous rein-
7 surance year or had a substantial bene-
8 ficial interest in such entity;

9 “(ii) the rented, owned, or controlled
10 acreage of the farm or ranch attributable
11 to individuals disclosed under clause (i);
12 and

13 “(iii) the amount of premium subsidy
14 received, directly or indirectly, by an indi-
15 vidual or entity from the Corporation, in-
16 cluding individuals receiving benefits
17 through an entity, and the race and gender
18 of each such individual or each individual
19 that comprises such an entity.

20 “(B) RELEASE OF INFORMATION.—Not-
21 withstanding any other provision of law, the
22 Corporation shall annually release to the public
23 the information described in subparagraph (A)
24 by individual, entity, and agricultural oper-
25 ation.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 502(e)(2)
2 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1502(e)(2))
3 is amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(C) MANDATORY DISCLOSURE.—The Cor-
5 poration shall disclose information to the public
6 described in section 506(m)(4).”.

7 **SEC. 4. BENEFITS UNDER THE COMMODITY CREDIT COR-**
8 **PORATION CHARTER ACT.**

9 Section 5 (15 U.S.C. 714e) of the Commodity Credit
10 Corporation Charter Act is amended by adding at the end
11 the following: “The Secretary shall track the benefits pro-
12 vided, directly or indirectly, to individuals and entities
13 under this section, including the race and gender of the
14 individuals directly receiving the benefits or receiving the
15 benefits through an entity, and the rented, owned, or con-
16 trolled acreage of the farm or ranch of the recipient. The
17 Secretary shall also track the race and gender of the indi-
18 viduals who applied for the benefits described in the pre-
19 ceding sentence and did not receive such benefits. The
20 Secretary shall annually make the information tracked
21 pursuant to the preceding two sentences publicly available
22 on the website of the Department of Agriculture and an-
23 nually submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the
24 House of Representatives and the Committee on Agri-

1 culture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate, a report
2 that includes such information.”.

3 **SEC. 5. FARM CREDIT TRANSPARENCY.**

4 Section 704B(b) of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act
5 (15 U.S.C. 1691c–2(b)) is amended by inserting “farm
6 or ranch,” after “minority-owned,” both places it appears.

7 **SEC. 6. SERVICE CENTER INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**
8 **SYSTEM.**

9 The Secretary of Agriculture shall collect and track
10 the race and gender of any individual, or in the case of
11 an entity, the individuals comprising such entity, that reg-
12 isters on the service center information management sys-
13 tem of the Department of Agriculture.

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