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H. R. 5379

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to update the Biotechnology and Agricultural Trade Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 22, 2018

Mr. DUNN (for himself and Mr. PANETTA) 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 “Growing American
5 Food Exports Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. BIOTECHNOLOGY AND AGRICULTURAL TRADE PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 Section 1543A of the Food, Agriculture, Conserva-
4 tion, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5679) is amended
5 to read as follows:

6 **“SEC. 1543A. BIOTECHNOLOGY AND AGRICULTURAL TRADE**
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
9 Department of Agriculture a program to be known as the
10 ‘Biotechnology and Agricultural Trade Program’.

11 “(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the program estab-
12 lished under this section shall be to remove, resolve, or
13 mitigate significant regulatory nontariff barriers to the ex-
14 port of United States agricultural commodities into for-
15 eign markets through policy advocacy and targeted
16 projects that address—

17 “(1) issues relating to United States agricul-
18 tural commodities produced with the use of new bio-
19 technology or agricultural production technologies;

20 “(2) advocacy for science-based regulation in
21 foreign markets of new biotechnology or agricultural
22 production technologies; or

23 “(3) quick-response intervention regarding non-
24 tariff barriers to United States exports produced
25 through new biotechnology or agricultural produc-
26 tion technologies.

1 “(c) ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS.—Depending on need, as
2 determined by the Secretary, activities authorized under
3 this section may be carried out through—

4 “(1) this section;

5 “(2) the emerging markets program under sec-
6 tion 1542; or

7 “(3) the Cochran Fellowship Program under
8 section 1543.

9 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
10 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
11 \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023.”.

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