

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 5466

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

Ms. BALINT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Agriculture

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## 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 “Building Up Farmland  
5 Frontiers for Ecological Resilience Act” or the “BUFFER  
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBLE LAND UNDER THE CONSERVATION RE-**  
2 **SERVE PROGRAM.**

3 Section 1231(b) of the Food Security Act of 1985  
4 (16 U.S.C. 3831(b)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (6)(B)(ii), by striking “or” at  
6 the end;

7 (2) in paragraph (7)(C), by striking the period  
8 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(8) land that is otherwise eligible for enroll-  
11 ment and for which a Tribal, State, or other local  
12 law, ordinance, or other regulation requires any re-  
13 source-conserving or environmental protection meas-  
14 ure or practice; however, if the requirement to imple-  
15 ment such a measure or practice has been imposed  
16 by an administrative order or a court order, then  
17 such land shall not be eligible.”.

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