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To direct the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with other appropriate entities, to develop and carry out a national science-based education campaign to increase public awareness regarding the use of technology in food and agriculture production, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 2018

Mr. DUNN (for himself and Mr. LAWSON of Florida) 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. PUBLIC EDUCATION ON BIOTECHNOLOGY IN**
4 **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SECTORS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture, in
6 consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human
7 Services, the Secretary of Education, and such other per-

1 sons and organizations as the Secretary of Agriculture de-
2 termines to be appropriate, shall develop and carry out
3 a national science-based education campaign to increase
4 public awareness regarding the use of technology in food
5 and agriculture production, including—

6 (1) the science of biotechnology as applied to
7 the development of products in the food and agricul-
8 tural sectors, including information about which
9 products of biotechnology in the food and agricul-
10 tural sectors have been approved for use in the
11 United States;

12 (2) the Federal science-based regulatory review
13 process for products made using biotechnology in the
14 food and agricultural sectors conducted under the
15 Coordinated Framework for Regulation of Bio-
16 technology published by the Office of Science and
17 Technology Policy in the Federal Register on June
18 26, 1986 (51 Fed. Reg. 23302), including the stud-
19 ies performed and analyses conducted to ensure that
20 such products are as safe to produce and as safe to
21 eat as products that are not produced using bio-
22 technology;

23 (3) developments in the science of plant and
24 animal breeding over time and the impacts of such

1 developments on farmers, consumers, the environ-
2 ment, and the rural economy; and

3 (4) the effects of the use of biotechnology on
4 food security, nutrition, and the environment.

5 (b) CONSUMER FRIENDLY INFORMATIONAL
6 WEBSITE.—The Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation
7 with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Ad-
8 ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the
9 Office of Science and Technology Policy, and such other
10 persons and organizations as the Secretary of Agriculture
11 determines to be appropriate, shall develop, establish, and
12 update as necessary, a single Federal Government-spon-
13 sored public Internet website through which the public
14 may obtain, in an easy to understand and user-friendly
15 format, information about biotechnology used in the food
16 and agricultural sectors, including—

17 (1) scientific findings and other data on bio-
18 technology used in the food and agricultural sectors;

19 (2) Federal agencies' decisions regarding spe-
20 cific products made using biotechnology in the food
21 and agricultural sectors;

22 (3) a list of frequently asked questions per-
23 taining to the use of biotechnology in the food and
24 agricultural sectors;

1 (4) an easy-to-understand description of the
2 role of Federal agencies in overseeing the use of bio-
3 technology in the food and agricultural sectors;

4 (5) information about novel, emerging tech-
5 nologies within the broader field of biotechnology;
6 and

7 (6) a glossary of terms with respect to bio-
8 technology used in the food and agricultural sectors.

9 (c) SOCIAL MEDIA RESOURCES.—The Secretary of
10 Agriculture may, as appropriate, utilize publicly available
11 social media platforms to supplement the campaign estab-
12 lished under subsection (a), and as an extension of the
13 website established under subsection (b).

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