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H. R. 6720

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a grocery, farm, and food worker stabilization grant program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BUDZINSKI (for herself, Ms. CARAVEO, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. SORENSEN, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. NORTON, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. WATERS, Ms. TITUS, Mr. POCAN, and Ms. ADAMS) 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. GROCERY, FARM, AND FOOD WORKER STA-**
4 **BILIZATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
7 ty” means a membership organization, as deter-
8 mined by the Secretary, or labor union representing

1 farmworkers, meat processing workers, or grocery
2 workers.

3 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of Agriculture.

5 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, acting
6 through the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing
7 Service, shall establish a grant program to provide funding
8 to eligible entities representing farmworkers, meat pro-
9 cessing workers, and grocery workers for stabilization pay-
10 ments in the case of a natural disaster or other disaster,
11 as determined by the Secretary.

12 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 4 years after the date
13 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to
14 the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representa-
15 tives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and
16 Forestry of the Senate a report describing the outcomes
17 and evaluating the impacts of the program established
18 under subsection (b).

19 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
20 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
21 \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended.

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