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[Report No. 117-372]

To amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to establish an Agricultural and Food System Supply Chain Resilience and Crisis Response Task Force, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 6, 2022

Ms. CRAIG (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mrs. HINSON, Mrs. AXNE, and Mr. FEENSTRA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

JUNE 15, 2022

Additional sponsors: Mr. COSTA, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Ms. KUSTER, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 6, 2022]

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. AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SYSTEM SUPPLY**
4 **CHAIN RESILIENCE AND CRISIS RESPONSE**
5 **TASK FORCE.**

6 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of title II of the Depart-*
7 *ment of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C.*
8 *6931 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

9 **“SEC. 229. AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SYSTEM SUPPLY**
10 **CHAIN RESILIENCE AND CRISIS RESPONSE**
11 **TASK FORCE.**

12 *“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 60 days after*
13 *the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall*
14 *establish in the Department an Agricultural and Food Sys-*
15 *tem Supply Chain Resilience and Crisis Response Task*
16 *Force (in this section referred to as the ‘Task Force’).*

17 *“(b) MISSION.—The mission of the Task Force shall*
18 *be the following:*

19 *“(1) Help to promote the leadership of the*
20 *United States with respect to the stability of the agri-*
21 *culture and food system supply chain.*

22 *“(2) Encourage a Government-wide approach*
23 *through partnerships and collaboration with the pri-*
24 *vate sector, labor organizations, the governments of*
25 *countries that are allies or key international partners*

1 *of the United States, States or political subdivisions*
2 *thereof, and Tribal governments in order to—*

3 *“(A) promote the resilience of the agri-*
4 *culture and food system supply chain; and*

5 *“(B) identify, prepare for, and respond to*
6 *shocks to the agricultural and food system supply*
7 *chain.*

8 *“(3) Monitor the resilience, diversity, security,*
9 *and strength of the agricultural and food system sup-*
10 *ply chain.*

11 *“(4) Support the availability of agricultural and*
12 *food system supply chain goods for domestic manufac-*
13 *turers, domestic producers, and domestic enterprises*
14 *in the United States and in countries that are allies*
15 *or key international partners.*

16 *“(5) Assist the Federal Government in preparing*
17 *for and responding to shocks to the agricultural and*
18 *food system supply chain.*

19 *“(6) Support the creation of jobs with competi-*
20 *tive wages in the United States agricultural and food*
21 *system sector.*

22 *“(7) Coordinate executive branch actions nec-*
23 *essary to carry out the functions described in para-*
24 *graphs (1) through (6).*

1 “(c) *SPECIAL ADVISOR ON SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCE*
2 *AND CRISIS RESPONSE.*—*The head of the Task Force shall*
3 *be the Special Advisor on Supply Chain Resilience and Cri-*
4 *sis Response (in this section, referred to as the ‘Special Ad-*
5 *visor’) who shall be appointed by the Secretary.*

6 “(d) *AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEM SUPPLY CHAIN*
7 *EVALUATION AND REPORT.*—

8 “(1) *EVALUATION.*—*The Special Advisor, in con-*
9 *sultation with the Secretary of Commerce and the*
10 *Secretary of Transportation, shall conduct an evalua-*
11 *tion of the stability and reliability of the agriculture*
12 *and food system supply chain. The evaluation shall*
13 *focus on the items listed in subsection (b).*

14 “(2) *REPORT TO CONGRESS.*—*Not later than 270*
15 *days after the date of the enactment of this section,*
16 *the Special Advisor shall submit to the Committee on*
17 *Agriculture, the Committee on Energy and Commerce,*
18 *and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-*
19 *ture of the House of Representatives and the Com-*
20 *mittee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and*
21 *the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-*
22 *tation of the Senate a report on the evaluation con-*
23 *ducted under subsection (a) that includes the fol-*
24 *lowing:*

25 “(A) *An evaluation of—*

1 “(i) the strengths of the agriculture
2 and food system supply chain;

3 “(ii) the weaknesses of the agriculture
4 and food system supply chain;

5 “(iii) current and potential future crit-
6 ical bottlenecks in the agriculture and food
7 system supply chain, including transpor-
8 tation bottlenecks in the distribution of ag-
9 ricultural inputs, processed and unprocessed
10 food and food input products, and con-
11 sumer-ready food products;

12 “(iv) workforce challenges and opportu-
13 nities in the agriculture and food system
14 supply chain; and

15 “(v) the overall stability and reli-
16 ability of the agriculture and food system
17 supply chain.

18 “(B) An evaluation of Federal, State, and
19 local laws and regulations that—

20 “(i) increase the stability and reli-
21 ability of the agriculture and food system
22 supply chain; or

23 “(ii) decrease or otherwise negatively
24 impact the stability and reliability of the
25 agriculture and food system supply chain.

1 “(C) *Specific recommendations to improve*
2 *the security, safety, and resilience of the agri-*
3 *culture and food system supply chain, including*
4 *recommendations that address challenges identi-*
5 *fied under paragraph (1) and that also ad-*
6 *dress—*

7 “(i) *long-term strategies;*

8 “(ii) *industry best practices;*

9 “(iii) *risk-mitigation actions to pre-*
10 *vent future bottlenecks and vulnerabilities*
11 *at all levels of the agriculture and food sys-*
12 *tem supply chain; and*

13 “(iv) *legislative and regulatory actions*
14 *that would positively impact the security*
15 *and resilience of the agriculture and food*
16 *system supply chain.*

17 “(e) *TERMINATION.—The Task Force shall terminate*
18 *on the earlier of—*

19 “(1) *the date on which the report required by*
20 *subsection (d) is submitted; or*

21 “(2) *September 30, 2023.”.*

22 “(b) *TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 296(b) of the*
23 *Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7*
24 *U.S.C. 7014(b)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-*
25 *lowing:*

1 “(11) *The authority of the Secretary to establish*
2 *in the Department the Agricultural and Food System*
3 *Supply Chain Resilience and Crisis Response Task*
4 *Force in accordance with section 229.*”

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