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To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to support and incentivize domestic activities to address fertilizer shortages and deficiencies, diversify fertilizer sources, and reduce dependency on foreign sources for fertilizer, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 2022

Mr. KHANNA 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. ADDRESSING FERTILIZER SHORTAGES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall
5 support and incentivize domestic activities through grants,
6 loans, and other forms of assistance, to address fertilizer
7 shortages and deficiencies, diversify fertilizer sources, and

1 reduce dependency on foreign sources for fertilizer, includ-
2 ing by—

3 (1) increasing the availability of innovative fer-
4 tilizer and fertilizer alternatives, including nitrogen,
5 phosphate, potassium, biological products and tech-
6 nologies, and other nutrients that may assist in the
7 production of agricultural commodities;

8 (2) increasing materials or tools that reduce the
9 need for fertilizer or support the more efficient use
10 of fertilizer, including nitrogen, phosphate, potas-
11 sium, biological products and technologies, and other
12 nutrients that may assist in the production of agri-
13 cultural commodities;

14 (3) supporting materials and facilities and re-
15 search and development, that may support the ac-
16 tivities carried out pursuant to this section;

17 (4) supporting sustainable agriculture produc-
18 tion through the use of—

19 (A) sustainable fertilizer produced in, or
20 used in a manner that, reduces the greenhouse
21 gas impact; or

22 (B) fertilizer produced through the use of
23 renewable energy sources, including
24 incentivizing greater precision in fertilizer use;

1 (5) supporting activities or other measures that
2 may otherwise address competition-related chal-
3 lenges in the United States fertilizer market and ob-
4 stacles to producers in obtaining affordable, respon-
5 sibly manufactured fertilizer as referred to in the no-
6 tice entitled “Access to Fertilizer: Competition and
7 Supply Chain Concerns” published by the Depart-
8 ment of Agriculture in the Federal Register on
9 March 17, 2022 (87 Fed Reg. 15191 et seq.); and

10 (6) using the facilities and authorities of the
11 Commodity Credit Corporation and the authorities
12 under section 1473H of the National Agricultural
13 Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of
14 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3319k).

15 (b) PRIORITY APPLICANTS.—In selecting activities to
16 support under this section, the Secretary shall give pri-
17 ority to applications for such support containing proposals
18 that the Secretary determines will most quickly address
19 fertilizer shortages in the near term and mid-term.

20 (c) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—Funding made
21 available to carry out this section shall be used to supple-
22 ment and not supplant other Federal, State, and local
23 public funds provided for activities described in this sec-
24 tion.

1 (d) AUTHORITY.—The authority of the Secretary to
2 carry out this section is in addition to other authorities
3 of the Secretary.

4 (e) STREAMLINED PROCESS.—In providing assist-
5 ance pursuant to this section, the Secretary shall ensure
6 that such assistance be provided through a streamlined
7 and expedient process (as determined necessary by the
8 Secretary) to quickly address fertilizer shortages.

9 (f) ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING.—Not more than 3
10 percent of the funding provided under this section may
11 be used by the Secretary for administrative purposes.

12 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
13 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
14 \$100,000,000, to remain available until expended.

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