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To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to publish, on an annual basis, an assessment on United States dependency on critical agricultural products or inputs from the People’s Republic of China, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. HINSON (for herself, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. ALFORD, Mr. CARSON, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mrs. WAGNER, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. VAN ORDEN, and Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER) 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 “Securing American Ag-  
5       riculture Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CRITICAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS OR INPUTS**  
2 **STUDY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture (in  
4 this section referred to as the “Secretary”) shall, on an  
5 annual basis, submit to the Committee on Agriculture of  
6 the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agri-  
7 culture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate, an assess-  
8 ment of the dependency of the United States on critical  
9 agricultural products or inputs that could be exploited in  
10 the event the People’s Republic of China weaponizes any  
11 such critical dependency.

12 (b) CONTENTS.—The assessment under subsection  
13 (a) shall—

14 (1) address, with respect to the critical inputs  
15 specified in subsection (c), the following:

16 (A) the current domestic production capac-  
17 ity of each such critical input; and

18 (B) the current and potential bottlenecks  
19 in the supply chain for each such critical input  
20 that could be exploited by the People’s Republic  
21 of China; and

22 (2) contain the Secretary’s recommendations to  
23 reduce the dependency of the United States on the  
24 People’s Republic of China to supply critical agricul-  
25 tural products or inputs, including—

1 (A) recommendations to mitigate potential  
2 threats posed by the People’s Republic of China  
3 to the supply chains of each critical input speci-  
4 fied in subsection (c); and

5 (B) recommendations for legislative and  
6 regulatory actions to reduce barriers to onshore  
7 or nearshore the production of each such crit-  
8 ical input.

9 (c) CRITICAL INPUTS.—The critical inputs specified  
10 in this subsection shall include all farm management, ag-  
11 ronomic, and field-applied production inputs, including  
12 each of the following:

13 (1) Agricultural equipment, machinery, and  
14 technology.

15 (2) Fuel.

16 (3) Fertilizers.

17 (4) Feed, including its components, such as vi-  
18 tamins, amino acids, and minerals.

19 (5) Veterinary drugs and vaccines.

20 (6) Crop protection chemicals.

21 (7) Seed.

22 (8) Any other critical agricultural inputs, as de-  
23 termined by the Secretary.

24 (d) COLLECTION, DISTRIBUTION, AND PROTECTION  
25 OF INFORMATION.—

1           (1) VOLUNTARY BASIS.—In conducting an as-  
2           sessment under subsection (a), the Secretary may  
3           not require any private entity to provide information  
4           to the Secretary.

5           (2) AGGREGATE DATA.—In the case of informa-  
6           tion provided to the Secretary to conduct an assess-  
7           ment under subsection (a), neither the Secretary,  
8           any other officer or employee of the Department of  
9           Agriculture or agency thereof, nor any other person  
10          may—

11                   (A) use such information for a purpose  
12                   other than the development or reporting of ag-  
13                   gregate data in a manner such that the identity  
14                   of the person who supplied such information is  
15                   not discernible and is not material to the in-  
16                   tended uses of such information; or

17                   (B) disclose such information to the public,  
18                   unless such information has been transformed  
19                   into a statistical or aggregate form that does  
20                   not allow the identification of the person who  
21                   supplied particular information.

22          (3) CONFIDENTIALITY.—The Secretary shall  
23          ensure that assessments submitted under subsection  
24          (a) do not include any information that is a trade  
25          secret or confidential information subject to section

1       552(b)(4) of title 5, United States Code, or section  
2       1905 of title 18, United States Code.

3           (4) IMMUNITY FROM DISCLOSURE.—Any infor-  
4       mation provided to the Secretary as part of an as-  
5       sessment conducted under subsection (a) may not be  
6       used by the Secretary for any purpose other than to  
7       carry out such subsection.

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