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Mr. BOOKER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 “Farm Subsidy Trans-
5 parency Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. DATA ON RECIPIENTS OF BENEFITS UNDER AGRICULTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2018.**

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3 Subtitle G of title I of the Agriculture Improvement
4 Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–334; 132 Stat. 4525) is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 1708. DATA ON RECIPIENTS OF BENEFITS.**

7 “As soon as practicable after the date of enactment
8 of this section and notwithstanding any other provision of
9 law, the Secretary shall—

10 “(1) track—

11 “(A) the benefits provided, directly or indi-
12 rectly, to each individual and entity under this
13 title, title II, and title VII and the amendments
14 made by those titles, including—

15 “(i) the race and gender of each indi-
16 vidual directly or indirectly receiving the
17 benefits;

18 “(ii) the race and gender of each indi-
19 vidual receiving the benefits through an
20 entity and the race and gender of all indi-
21 viduals who comprise the entity; and

22 “(iii) the rented, owned, or controlled
23 acreage of the farm or ranch of each re-
24 cipient of the benefits; and

25 “(B) the race and gender of each indi-
26 vidual who applied for any benefits described in

1 subparagraph (A) and did not receive the bene-
2 fits;

3 “(2) annually make publicly available on the
4 website of the Department of Agriculture the infor-
5 mation tracked under paragraph (1); and

6 “(3) annually submit to the Committee on Agri-
7 culture of the House of Representatives and the
8 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
9 of the Senate a report describing the information
10 tracked under paragraph (1).”.

11 **SEC. 3. DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION RELATING**
12 **TO INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES WITH FED-**
13 **ERAL CROP INSURANCE.**

14 (a) **AUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE.**—Section 502(c) of
15 the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1502(c)) is
16 amended—

17 (1) by striking “paragraph (2)” and inserting
18 “paragraphs (2) and (5)”; and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(5) **DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMA-**
21 **TION.**—The prohibition under paragraph (1) shall
22 not apply to the release of information under section
23 506(m)(4)(C).”.

1 (b) DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.—Sec-
2 tion 506(m) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C.
3 1506(m)) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-
5 graph (5); and

6 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(4) COLLECTION AND RELEASE OF INFORMA-
9 TION IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.—

10 “(A) DEFINITION OF COVERED ENTITY.—

11 In this paragraph, the term ‘covered entity’
12 means—

13 “(i) an individual; and

14 “(ii)(I) an entity; and

15 “(II) each individual that partly or
16 wholly owns, or has a substantial beneficial
17 interest in, that entity.

18 “(B) INFORMATION COLLECTED.—The
19 Corporation shall, on an annual basis, collect
20 the following information:

21 “(i) The name, race, and gender, as
22 applicable, of each covered entity that di-
23 rectly or indirectly obtained a federally
24 subsidized crop insurance, livestock, or for-

1 age policy or plan of insurance during the
2 previous reinsurance year.

3 “(ii) The rented, owned, or controlled
4 acreage of the farm or ranch attributable
5 to each covered entity described in clause
6 (i).

7 “(iii) The amount of premium subsidy
8 received from the Corporation, directly or
9 indirectly, by—

10 “(I) each covered entity described
11 in clause (i); and

12 “(II) in the case of a covered en-
13 tity described in subparagraph
14 (A)(ii)(I), each individual receiving
15 benefits through that entity and the
16 name, race, and gender of that indi-
17 vidual.

18 “(C) RELEASE OF INFORMATION.—Not-
19 withstanding any other provision of law, the
20 Corporation shall annually release to the public
21 the information described in subparagraph (B),
22 organized by covered entity and agricultural op-
23 eration.”.

1 **SEC. 4. BENEFITS UNDER THE COMMODITY CREDIT COR-**
 2 **PORATION CHARTER ACT.**

3 Section 13 of the Commodity Credit Corporation
 4 Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714k) is amended—

5 (1) in the second sentence, by striking “In addi-
 6 tion to the annual report” and inserting the fol-
 7 lowing:

8 “(b) **QUARTERLY REPORTS.**—In addition to the an-
 9 nual report under subsection (a)”;

10 (2) in the matter preceding subsection (b) (as
 11 so designated), by striking the section designation
 12 and heading and all that follows through “The Cor-
 13 poration” and inserting the following:

14 **“SEC. 13. RECORDS; REPORTS.**

15 “(a) **RECORDS; ANNUAL REPORT.**—The Corpora-
 16 tion”; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(c) **DATA ON RECIPIENTS OF BENEFITS.**—The Sec-
 19 retary shall—

20 “(1) track—

21 “(A) the benefits provided, directly or indi-
 22 rectly, to each individual and entity under sec-
 23 tion 5, including—

24 “(i) the race and gender of each indi-
 25 vidual directly receiving the benefits or re-
 26 ceiving the benefits through an entity; and

1 “(ii) the rented, owned, or controlled
2 acreage of the farm or ranch of the recipi-
3 ent of the benefits; and

4 “(B) the race and gender of each indi-
5 vidual who applied for any benefits described in
6 subparagraph (A) and did not receive the bene-
7 fits;

8 “(2) annually make publicly available on the
9 website of the Department of Agriculture the infor-
10 mation tracked under paragraph (1); and

11 “(3) annually submit to the Committee on Agri-
12 culture of the House of Representatives and the
13 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
14 of the Senate a report describing the information
15 tracked under paragraph (1).”.

16 **SEC. 5. FARM CREDIT TRANSPARENCY.**

17 Section 704B of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act
18 (15 U.S.C. 1691c-2) is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “farm or
20 ranch,” after “minority-owned,”;

21 (2) in subsection (b), by inserting “farm or
22 ranch,” after “minority-owned,” each place that
23 term appears;

24 (3) in subsection (e)—

25 (A) in paragraph (2)—

1 (i) in subparagraph (E), by inserting
2 “farm or ranch,” after “minority-owned,”;
3 and

4 (ii) in subparagraph (F), by inserting
5 “farm or ranch,” after “minority-owned,”;
6 and

7 (B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “farm
8 or ranch,” after “minority-owned,”; and
9 (4) in subsection (g)(3), by inserting “farm or
10 ranch,” after “minority-owned.”.

11 **SEC. 6. SERVICE CENTER INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**
12 **SYSTEM.**

13 The Secretary of Agriculture shall collect and track
14 the race and gender of any individual, or in the case of
15 an entity, each individual comprising the entity, that reg-
16 isters on the service center information management sys-
17 tem of the Department of Agriculture.

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