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To amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish the Domestic Organic Investment Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. SALINAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Domestic Organic In-
5 vestment Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. DOMESTIC ORGANIC INVESTMENT PROGRAM.**

2 Subtitle A of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946
3 (7 U.S.C. 1621 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following:

5 **“SEC. 210B. DOMESTIC ORGANIC INVESTMENT PROGRAM.**

6 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 “(1) CERTIFIED ORGANIC PRODUCT.—The term
8 ‘certified organic product’ means an agricultural
9 product (as defined in section 2103 of the Organic
10 Foods Production Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6502))
11 that is organically produced (as defined in that sec-
12 tion).

13 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘eligible en-
15 tity’ means an entity described in subparagraph
16 (B) that—

17 “(i) is owned and operated within—

18 “(I) a State;

19 “(II) the District of Columbia;

20 “(III) any territory or possession
21 of the United States; or

22 “(IV) the jurisdiction of an In-
23 dian Tribe; and

24 “(ii)(I) is certified in accordance with
25 subpart E of part 205 of title 7, Code of

1 Federal Regulations (or successor regula-
2 tions); or

3 “(II) is in transition to certification,
4 as defined by the Secretary.

5 “(B) ENTITIES DESCRIBED.—An entity re-
6 ferred to in subparagraph (A) is—

7 “(i) a producer, producer cooperative,
8 or other commercial entity that produces
9 or handles certified organic products;

10 “(ii) a unit of Tribal government; or

11 “(iii) such other entity as the Sec-
12 retary may designate.

13 “(C) EXCLUSION.—The term ‘eligible enti-
14 ty’ does not include an entity described in sub-
15 paragraph (B) the operations of which are sus-
16 pended or revoked under section 205.662 of
17 title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (or a suc-
18 cessor regulation).

19 “(3) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian Tribe’
20 has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the
21 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
22 Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

23 “(4) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means
24 the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Ad-
25 ministrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

1 “(5) TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.—The term ‘Tribal
2 government’ means the governing body of an Indian
3 Tribe.

4 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.—The Sec-
5 retary shall establish a program, to be known as the ‘Do-
6 mestic Organic Investment Program’, that—

7 “(1) increases the capacity of the domestic or-
8 ganic product supply chain for producers, handlers,
9 suppliers, and processors of certified organic prod-
10 ucts;

11 “(2) modernizes manufacturing, tracking, stor-
12 age, and information technology systems specific to
13 the purposes described in this subsection, such as
14 process control or organic product ingredient track-
15 ing systems;

16 “(3) improves the capacity of eligible entities to
17 comply with applicable regulatory requirements or
18 quality standards required to access markets, such
19 as requirements and standards relating to food safe-
20 ty and organic product certification;

21 “(4) expands capacity for storage, processing,
22 aggregation, and distribution of certified organic
23 products to create more and better markets for pro-
24 ducers of certified organic products;

1 “(5) facilitates market development for domesti-
2 cally produced certified organic products currently
3 being serviced by organic imports; and

4 “(6) addresses additional barriers and bottle-
5 necks in the domestic organic product supply chain
6 for producers, handlers, suppliers, and processors of
7 certified organic products, as determined by the Sec-
8 retary.

9 “(c) GRANTS.—For each fiscal year for which
10 amounts are made available to carry out this section under
11 subsection (j), the Secretary shall provide grants to sup-
12 port eligible entities in conducting activities in accordance
13 with the purposes of the program described in subsection
14 (b).

15 “(d) APPLICATIONS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a
17 grant under this section, an eligible entity shall sub-
18 mit to the Secretary an application at such time, in
19 such manner, and containing such information as
20 the Secretary may require.

21 “(2) SIMPLIFIED PROCESS.—The Secretary
22 shall implement a simplified application and award
23 process under this section for use by any eligible en-
24 tity seeking to carry out an equipment-only project.

1 “(3) PRIORITY.—The Secretary may establish
2 an annual priority for grants under this section
3 based in part on—

4 “(A) imbalance of trade and reliance on
5 organic imports;

6 “(B) National Organic Standards Board
7 recommendations; and

8 “(C) identified organic processing and sup-
9 ply chain bottlenecks inhibiting market growth
10 and efficiency.

11 “(4) COMPETITIVE PROCESS.—The Secretary—

12 “(A) shall conduct a competitive process to
13 select applications submitted under this sub-
14 section;

15 “(B) may assess and rank applications
16 with similar purposes as a group; and

17 “(C) before accepting any application
18 under this subsection, shall make publicly avail-
19 able the criteria to be used in evaluating the ap-
20 plications.

21 “(e) PROJECT TYPES.—An eligible entity may use
22 amounts received under this section to carry out, in ac-
23 cordance with such goals and deadlines for completion as
24 the Secretary may establish, the following types of
25 projects:

1 “(1) Certified organic product storage (includ-
2 ing cold storage), aggregation, processing, and dis-
3 tribution capacity expansion.

4 “(2) Equipment-only.

5 “(f) TERM.—Unless otherwise determined by the
6 Secretary, a grant provided under this section shall have
7 a term of not longer than 3 years.

8 “(g) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount of a grant
10 provided under this section for a project described in
11 subsection (e)(1) shall be not more than \$2,000,000.

12 “(2) EQUIPMENT-ONLY PROJECTS.—The
13 amount of a grant provided under this section for a
14 project described in subsection (e)(2) shall be not
15 more than \$100,000.

16 “(h) MATCHING FUNDS.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity that re-
18 ceives a grant under this section to carry out a
19 project described in subsection (e)(1) shall provide a
20 non-Federal share equal to not less than 50 percent
21 of the cost of the project.

22 “(2) EQUIPMENT-ONLY PROJECTS.—An eligible
23 entity that receives a grant under this section to
24 carry out a project described in subsection (e)(2)

1 shall provide a non-Federal share equal to not less
2 than 25 percent of the cost of the project.

3 “(3) RULE FOR CERTAIN APPLICATIONS.—The
4 Secretary may waive or lower the non-Federal share
5 required under this subsection for beginning farmers
6 and ranchers and veterans applying for a grant
7 under this section.

8 “(i) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may
9 provide to eligible entities technical assistance under this
10 section, directly or through 1 or more cooperative agree-
11 ments.

12 “(j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-
13 tion to amounts otherwise available, there are authorized
14 to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as are nec-
15 essary to carry out this section for each of fiscal years
16 2026 through 2030, to remain available until expended.”.