

118TH CONGRESS
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To increase the capacity, resiliency, diversity, and security of the United States food supply chain by codifying and expanding the Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BROWN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Food Supply Chain
5 Capacity and Resiliency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN GUARANTEED LOAN PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture (re-
4 ferred to in this section as the “Secretary”) may guar-
5 antee loans of not more than \$80,000,000 made to sup-
6 port new investments in the start-up or expansion of
7 projects in the United States that will increase the capac-
8 ity of the food supply chain in the United States to aggre-
9 gate, process, manufacture, store, transport, wholesale, or
10 distribute food.

11 (b) PRIORITIES.—In awarding loan guarantees under
12 this section, the Secretary shall, when the amount avail-
13 able to carry out this section is less than the total of the
14 amounts requested under applications submitted under
15 this section, give preference to loans for projects—

16 (1) that create jobs in economically distressed
17 communities; or

18 (2) as the Secretary determines to be appro-
19 priate to help create a more resilient, diverse, and
20 secure United States food supply chain.

21 (c) NONSUPPLANTATION OF OTHER FUNDS.—The
22 Secretary shall use the amounts made available to carry
23 out this section to supplement, and not supplant, funds
24 provided under other Federal laws or State or local laws.

1 (d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe
2 such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this
3 section.

4 (e) FUNDING.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts appro-
6 priated to carry out section 310B(g) of the Consoli-
7 dated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
8 1932(g)), the Secretary may use to carry out this
9 section \$29,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024
10 through 2028.

11 (2) ADMINISTRATION.—Not more than
12 \$4,000,000 of the amounts provided under para-
13 graph (1) for each of fiscal years 2024 through
14 2028 may be used by the Secretary for administra-
15 tive purposes.

16 (3) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts made available
17 under paragraph (1) are authorized to remain avail-
18 able until expended.

19 (f) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1001(b)(4)
20 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (7 U.S.C. 7501
21 note; Public Law 117–2) is amended by inserting “, except
22 any activity authorized to be carried out by section 2 of
23 the Food Supply Chain Capacity and Resiliency Act” be-
24 fore the period.

1 (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-
2 ments made by this section shall take effect on the date
3 that is 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act.