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# H. R. 4714

To prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment  
in agriculture research.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 17, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS (for herself, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. SCHRIER, and Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national  
investment in agriculture research.

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 “America Grows Act  
5 of 2019”.

6       **SEC. 2. FUNDING.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-  
8       priated to each funding recipient described in subsection

1 (b), as determined by the Director of the Office of Man-  
2 agement and Budget—

3 (1) for fiscal year 2020, not less than 105 per-  
4 cent of the amount of new budget authority made  
5 available in appropriation Acts for that recipient for  
6 fiscal year 2019, adjusted for inflation;

7 (2) for fiscal year 2021, not less than 105 per-  
8 cent of the amount determined under paragraph (1)  
9 for that recipient, adjusted for inflation;

10 (3) for fiscal year 2022, not less than 105 per-  
11 cent of the amount determined under paragraph (2)  
12 for that recipient, adjusted for inflation;

13 (4) for fiscal year 2023, not less than 105 per-  
14 cent of the amount determined under paragraph (3)  
15 for that recipient, adjusted for inflation; and

16 (5) for fiscal year 2024, not less than 105 per-  
17 cent of the amount determined under paragraph (4)  
18 for that recipient, adjusted for inflation.

19 (b) FUNDING RECIPIENTS DESCRIBED.—The fund-  
20 ing recipients referred to in subsection (a) are—

21 (1) the Agricultural Research Service;

22 (2) the Economic Research Service;

23 (3) the National Agricultural Statistics Service;

24 and

1           (4) the National Institute of Food and Agri-  
2           culture.

3 **SEC. 3. BUDGETARY PROVISIONS.**

4           (a) CAP ADJUSTMENTS.—Section 251(b)(2) of the  
5 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of  
6 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)) is amended by adding at the  
7 end the following:

8                   “(G) AGRICULTURE RESEARCH.—

9                           “(i) ADJUSTMENT FOR ADDITIONAL  
10                           FUNDING.—If a bill or joint resolution  
11                           making appropriations for a fiscal year is  
12                           enacted that specifies amounts for an agri-  
13                           cultural research funding recipient, then  
14                           the adjustments for that fiscal year shall  
15                           be the amount of additional new budget  
16                           authority provided in that Act for that ag-  
17                           ricultural research funding recipient for  
18                           that fiscal year, but shall not exceed—

19                                   “(I) for fiscal year 2020, the dif-  
20                                   ference between—

21   “(aa) the amount of new  
22   budget authority made available  
23   in appropriation Acts for that ag-  
24   ricultural research funding recipi-  
25   ent for fiscal year 2019; and

1 “(bb) the amount deter-  
2 mined by the Director under sec-  
3 tion 2(a)(1) of the America  
4 Grows Act of 2019 with respect  
5 to that agricultural research  
6 funding recipient;

7 “(II) for fiscal year 2021, the  
8 difference between—

9 “(aa) the amount of new  
10 budget authority made available  
11 in appropriation Acts for that ag-  
12 ricultural research funding recipi-  
13 ent for fiscal year 2019; and

14 “(bb) the amount deter-  
15 mined by the Director under sec-  
16 tion 2(a)(2) of the America  
17 Grows Act of 2019 with respect  
18 to that agricultural research  
19 funding recipient;

20 “(III) for fiscal year 2022, the  
21 difference between—

22 “(aa) the amount of new  
23 budget authority made available  
24 in appropriation Acts for that ag-

1 agricultural research funding recipi-  
2 ent for fiscal year 2019; and

3 “(bb) the amount deter-  
4 mined by the Director under sec-  
5 tion 2(a)(3) of the America  
6 Grows Act of 2019 with respect  
7 to that agricultural research  
8 funding recipient;

9 “(IV) for fiscal year 2023, the  
10 difference between—

11 “(aa) the amount of new  
12 budget authority made available  
13 in appropriation Acts for that ag-  
14 ricultural research funding recipi-  
15 ent for fiscal year 2019; and

16 “(bb) the amount deter-  
17 mined by the Director under sec-  
18 tion 2(a)(4) of the America  
19 Grows Act of 2019 with respect  
20 to that agricultural research  
21 funding recipient; and

22 “(V) for fiscal year 2024, the dif-  
23 ference between—

24 “(aa) the amount of new  
25 budget authority made available

1 in appropriation Acts for that ag-  
2 ricultural research funding recipi-  
3 ent for fiscal year 2019; and

4 “(bb) the amount deter-  
5 mined by the Director under sec-  
6 tion 2(a)(5) of the America  
7 Grows Act of 2019 with respect  
8 to that agricultural research  
9 funding recipient.

10 “(ii) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this  
11 subparagraph:

12 “(I) ADDITIONAL NEW BUDGET  
13 AUTHORITY.—The term ‘additional  
14 new budget authority’ means, with re-  
15 spect to an agricultural research fund-  
16 ing recipient, the amount of new  
17 budget authority provided for a fiscal  
18 year in an appropriation Act for that  
19 agricultural research funding recipient  
20 that is in excess of the amount of new  
21 budget authority provided in fiscal  
22 year 2019 in an appropriation Act for  
23 that agricultural research funding re-  
24 cipient.

1                   “(II) AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH  
2                   FUNDING RECIPIENT.—The term ‘ag-  
3                   ricultural research funding recipient’  
4                   means a funding recipient described  
5                   in section 2(b) of the America Grows  
6                   Act of 2019.

7                   “(III) DIRECTOR.—The term  
8                   ‘Director’ means the Director of the  
9                   Office of Management and Budget.”.

10           (b) MINIMUM CONTINUED FUNDING REQUIRE-  
11           MENT.—The amount of new budget authority made avail-  
12           able in appropriation Acts for a funding recipient de-  
13           scribed in section 2(b) for each of fiscal years 2020  
14           through 2024, and each subsequent fiscal year, shall not  
15           be less than the amount of new budget authority made  
16           available in appropriation Acts for that funding recipient  
17           for fiscal year 2019.

18           (c) EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS FROM  
19           SEQUESTRATION.—

20                   (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 255(g)(1)(A) of the  
21                   Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control  
22                   Act (2 U.S.C. 905(g)(1)(A)) is amended by inserting  
23                   after “Advances to the Unemployment Trust Fund  
24                   and Other Funds (16–0327–0–1–600).” the fol-  
25                   lowing:

1                   “Appropriations pursuant to section  
2                   2(a) of the America Grows Act of 2019.”.

3                   (2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by  
4                   this section shall apply to any sequestration order  
5                   issued under the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
6                   Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900 et seq.)  
7                   on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

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