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H. R. 4800

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to establish an exception to certain payment limitations in the case of person or legal entity that derives income from agriculture, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 20, 2023

Mr. PANETTA (for himself, Mr. DUARTE, Ms. CARAVEO, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. COSTA, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Growing Access To
5 Environmental Sustainability Act” or the “GATES Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCEPTION FOR INCOME DERIVED FROM AGRI-**
2 **CULTURE.**

3 Section 1001D(b) of the Food Security Act of 1985
4 (7 U.S.C. 1308–3a(b)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraph
6 (3)” and inserting “paragraphs (3) and (4)”; and

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

8 “(4) EXCEPTION.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an ex-
10 cepted payment or benefit, the limitation estab-
11 lished by paragraph (1) shall not apply to a
12 person or legal entity during a crop, fiscal, or
13 program year, as appropriate, if greater than or
14 equal to 75 percent of the average adjusted
15 gross income of the person or each individual
16 comprising the legal entity derives from farm-
17 ing, ranching, or forestry activities and the per-
18 son or legal entity provides to the Secretary
19 documentation demonstrating such average ad-
20 justed gross income.

21 “(B) EXCEPTED PAYMENT OR BENEFIT.—
22 For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘ex-
23 cepted payment or benefit’ means a payment or
24 benefit described in paragraph (2)(C).”.

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