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To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to improve assistance for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers and veteran farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. SMITH 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 “Farming Opportunities
5 Training and Outreach Grant Program Reauthorization
6 Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. OUTREACH AND ASSISTANCE FOR SOCIALLY DIS-**
2 **ADVANTAGED, VETERAN, AND BEGINNING**
3 **FARMERS AND RANCHERS.**

4 Section 2501 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation,
5 and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2279) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (c)—

7 (A) in paragraph (2), in the matter pre-
8 ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “2019
9 through 2023” and inserting “2024 through
10 2028”;

11 (B) in paragraph (3)(B)(ii), by inserting “,
12 including by providing appropriate interpreta-
13 tion and translation services when those serv-
14 ices will be useful in expanding meaningful ac-
15 cess to Department programs or technical as-
16 sistance services, as determined by the Sec-
17 retary” before the period at the end; and

18 (C) in paragraph (4)—

19 (i) in subparagraph (E)(i), by striking
20 “3” and inserting “4”; and

21 (ii) in subparagraph (F)—

22 (I) by striking the period at the
23 end and inserting “; and”;

24 (II) by striking “priority to non-
25 governmental” and inserting the fol-
26 lowing: “priority to—

1 “(i) nongovernmental”; and

2 (III) by adding at the end the
3 following:

4 “(ii) eligible entities that will provide
5 appropriate interpretation and translation
6 services as part of the provision of out-
7 reach and technical assistance described in
8 that subparagraph, when those services
9 will be useful in expanding meaningful ac-
10 cess to Department programs or technical
11 assistance services, as determined by the
12 Secretary.”;

13 (2) in subsection (d)—

14 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “2019
15 through 2023” and inserting “2024 through
16 2028”;

17 (B) in paragraph (2), in the matter pre-
18 ceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “includ-
19 ing by providing appropriate interpretation and
20 translation services when those services will be
21 useful in expanding meaningful access to De-
22 partment programs or technical assistance serv-
23 ices, as determined by the Secretary,” before
24 “relating to”; and

25 (C) in paragraph (6)—

1 (i) in subparagraph (F)(iii), by strik-
2 ing “and” at the end;

3 (ii) by redesignating subparagraph
4 (G) as subparagraph (H); and

5 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph
6 (F) the following:

7 “(G) the inclusion of plans to provide ap-
8 propriate interpretation and translation services
9 when those services will be useful in expanding
10 meaningful access to Department programs or
11 technical assistance services, as determined by
12 the Secretary.”; and

13 (3) in subsection (l)(2), by striking “2023” and
14 inserting “2028”.

15 **SEC. 3. TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SO-**
16 **CIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS AND**
17 **RANCHERS.**

18 Section 2501A(e) of the Food, Agriculture, Conserva-
19 tion, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2279–1(e)) is
20 amended—

21 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through
22 (4) as paragraphs (3) through (5), respectively;

23 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
24 lowing:

1 “(2) 5-YEAR REQUIREMENT.—Not later than
2 March 31, 2025, and every 5 years thereafter, for
3 each county and State in the United States, the Sec-
4 retary shall—

5 “(A) compile data on—

6 “(i) the number of base acres of each
7 program crop owned by farmers or ranch-
8 ers;

9 “(ii) payment yields for each program
10 crop made by farmers or ranchers;

11 “(iii) the number of fee waivers and
12 premium reductions provided to farmers or
13 ranchers under the noninsured crop dis-
14 aster assistance program established by
15 section 196 of the Federal Agriculture Im-
16 provement and Reform Act of 1996 (7
17 U.S.C. 7333);

18 “(iv) the number of loans guaranteed
19 by the Secretary to farmers or ranchers;

20 “(v) the allocation of grazing permits
21 by the Forest Service to farmers or ranch-
22 ers; and

23 “(vi) the race, ethnicity, and gender of
24 each farmer or rancher under clauses (i)
25 through (v), subject to appropriate privacy

1 protections, as determined by the Sec-
2 retary; and

3 “(B) organize the data compiled under
4 clauses (i) through (v) of subparagraph (A) ac-
5 cording to the categories described in clause (vi)
6 of that subparagraph.”;

7 (3) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated), by
8 striking “paragraph (1)” and inserting “paragraphs
9 (1) and (2)”;

10 (4) in paragraph (4) (as so redesignated)—

11 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
12 through (C) as clauses (i) through (iii), respec-
13 tively, and indenting appropriately;

14 (B) by striking the paragraph designation
15 and heading and all that follows through
16 “Using” and inserting the following:

17 “(4) REPORTS.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Using”;

19 (C) in subparagraph (A) (as so redesign-
20 ated), in the matter preceding clause (i) (as so
21 redesignated), by striking “under paragraph
22 (1)” and inserting the following: “under—

23 “(i) paragraph (1); and

24 “(ii) in a separate report, under para-
25 graph (2).

1 “(B) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted
2 under subparagraph (A) shall contain data”;
3 and

4 (D) in subparagraph (B) (as so redesign-
5 ated), in the matter preceding clause (i) (as so
6 redesignated), by striking “that paragraph”
7 and inserting “paragraphs (1) and (2), as ap-
8 plicable,”; and

9 (5) in paragraph (5) (as so redesignated), by
10 striking “the report described in paragraph (3)” and
11 inserting “the reports described in paragraph (4)”.

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