

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 3469

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a grocery, farm, and food worker stabilization grant program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 12, 2023

Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) 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. GROCERY, FARM, AND FOOD WORKER STA-**
4 **BILIZATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
7 ty” means a membership organization, as deter-
8 mined by the Secretary, or labor union representing
9 farmworkers, meat processing workers, or grocery
10 workers.

1 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of Agriculture.

3 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, acting
4 through the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing
5 Service, shall establish a grant program to provide funding
6 to eligible entities representing farmworkers, meat proc-
7 essing workers, and grocery workers for stabilization pay-
8 ments in the case of a natural disaster or other disaster,
9 as determined by the Secretary.

10 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 4 years after the date
11 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to
12 the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representa-
13 tives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and
14 Forestry of the Senate a report describing the outcomes
15 and evaluating the impacts of the program established
16 under subsection (b).

17 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
18 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
19 \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended.

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