

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. _____

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. DURBIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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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 [“_____ Act
5 of _____”].

6 **SEC. 2. FUNDING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
8 priated to each funding recipient described in subsection
9 (b), as determined by the Director of the Office of Man-
10 agement and Budget—

1 (1) for fiscal year 2020, 105 percent of the
2 amount appropriated to that recipient for fiscal year
3 2019, adjusted for inflation;

4 (2) for fiscal year 2021, 105 percent of the
5 amount determined under paragraph (1) for that re-
6 cipient, adjusted for inflation;

7 (3) for fiscal year 2022, 105 percent of the
8 amount determined under paragraph (2) for that re-
9 cipient, adjusted for inflation;

10 (4) for fiscal year 2023, 105 percent of the
11 amount determined under paragraph (3) for that re-
12 cipient, adjusted for inflation; and

13 (5) for fiscal year 2024, 105 percent of the
14 amount determined under paragraph (4) for that re-
15 cipient, adjusted for inflation.

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

18 (1) the Agricultural Research Service; and

19 (2) the National Institute of Food and Agri-
20 culture, with respect to research activities only.

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

22 (a) CAP ADJUSTMENTS.—Section 251(b)(2) of the
23 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
24 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)) is amended by adding at the
25 end the following:

1 “(G) AGRICULTURE RESEARCH.—

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

12 “(I) for fiscal year 2020, the dif-
13 ference between—

14 “(aa) the amount appro-
15 priated for that agricultural re-
16 search funding recipient for fiscal
17 year 2019; and

18 “(bb) the amount deter-
19 mined by the Director under sec-
20 tion 2(a)(1) of the _____
21 Act of _____ with respect to
22 that agricultural research fund-
23 ing recipient;

24 “(II) for fiscal year 2021, the
25 difference between—

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1 “(aa) the amount appro-
2 priated for that agricultural re-
3 search funding recipient for fiscal
4 year 2019; and

5 “(bb) the amount deter-
6 mined by the Director under sec-
7 tion 2(a)(2) of the _____
8 Act of _____ with respect to
9 that agricultural research fund-
10 ing recipient;

11 “(III) for fiscal year 2022, the
12 difference between—

13 “(aa) the amount appro-
14 priated for that agricultural re-
15 search funding recipient for fiscal
16 year 2019; and

17 “(bb) the amount deter-
18 mined by the Director under sec-
19 tion 2(a)(3) of the _____
20 Act of _____ with respect to
21 that agricultural research fund-
22 ing recipient;

23 “(IV) for fiscal year 2023, the
24 difference between—

1 “(aa) the amount appro-
2 priated for that agricultural re-
3 search funding recipient for fiscal
4 year 2019; and

5 “(bb) the amount deter-
6 mined by the Director under sec-
7 tion 2(a)(4) of the _____
8 Act of _____ with respect to
9 that agricultural research fund-
10 ing recipient; and

11 “(V) for fiscal year 2024, the dif-
12 ference between—

13 “(aa) the amount appro-
14 priated for that agricultural re-
15 search funding recipient for fiscal
16 year 2019; and

17 “(bb) the amount deter-
18 mined by the Director under sec-
19 tion 2(a)(5) of the _____
20 Act of _____ with respect to
21 that agricultural research fund-
22 ing recipient.

23 “(ii) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this
24 subparagraph:

1 “(I) ADDITIONAL NEW BUDGET
2 AUTHORITY.—The term ‘additional
3 new budget authority’ means, with re-
4 spect to an agricultural research fund-
5 ing recipient, the amount provided for
6 a fiscal year in an appropriation Act
7 for that agricultural research funding
8 recipient that is in excess of the
9 amount provided in fiscal year 2019
10 in an appropriation Act for that agri-
11 cultural research funding recipient.

12 “(II) AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
13 FUNDING RECIPIENT.—The term ‘ag-
14 ricultural research funding recipient’
15 means a funding recipient described
16 in section 2(b) of the _____
17 Act of _____.

18 “(III) DIRECTOR.—The term
19 ‘Director’ means the Director of the
20 Office of Management and Budget.”.

21 (b) MINIMUM CONTINUED FUNDING REQUIRE-
22 MENT.—Amounts appropriated for a funding recipient de-
23 scribed in section 2(b) for each of fiscal years 2020
24 through 2024, and each subsequent fiscal year, shall not

1 be less than the amounts appropriated for that funding
2 recipient for fiscal year 2019.

3 (c) EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS FROM
4 SEQUESTRATION.—

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

11 “Appropriations pursuant to section
12 2(a) of the _____ Act of
13 _____.”.

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