116th CONGRESS 2d Session

To amend the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 to provide specialty crop block grants to fund State food banks and food access networks.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

- To amend the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 to provide specialty crop block grants to fund State food banks and food access networks.
 - 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 "Food Bank Access to
- 5 Farm Fresh Produce Act of 2020".

6 SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR STATE FOOD BANKS AND FOOD AC-7 CESS NETWORKS.

8 Section 101 of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness
9 Act of 2004 (7 U.S.C. 1621 note; Public Law 108–465)
10 is amended—

1	(1) in subsection (a)—
2	(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
3	through (5) as subparagraphs (A), (B), (C),
4	(D), and (F), respectively, and indenting appro-
5	priately;
6	(B) in subparagraph (D) (as so redesig-
7	nated), by striking "and" at the end;
8	(C) by inserting after subparagraph (D)
9	(as so redesignated) the following:
10	"(E) by assisting State food banks and
11	food access networks in accordance with para-
12	graph (2); and";
13	(D) in the matter preceding subparagraph
14	(A) (as so redesignated), by striking "Using the
15	funds" and inserting the following:
16	"(1) IN GENERAL.—Using the funds"; and
17	(E) by adding at the end the following:
18	"(2) Grants for food banks and food ac-
19	CESS NETWORKS.—
20	"(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30
21	days after the date of enactment of the Food
22	Bank Access to Farm Fresh Produce Act of
23	2020, the Secretary shall make grants under
24	paragraph (1) to States in accordance with sub-
25	paragraph (B) to disburse funds in the form of

1	grants to eligible entities described in subpara-
2	graph (C).
3	"(B) GRANTS TO STATES.—To carry out
4	subparagraph (A), notwithstanding subsections
5	(d) through (g), the Secretary shall award a
6	grant to the State department of agriculture in
7	each of the 20 States that have produced the
8	highest quantity of specialty crops during the
9	most recent 3-year period.
10	"(C) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES DESCRIBED
11	The eligible entities referred to in subparagraph
12	(A) are State food banks and food access net-
13	works that—
14	"(i) the applicable State department
15	of agriculture determines are qualified to
16	receive a grant under that subparagraph;
17	and
18	"(ii) purchase specialty crops directly
19	from farmers in the State and not—
20	"(I) through packers, repackers,
21	shippers, or brokers; or
22	"(II) at terminal markets.
23	"(D) USE OF FUNDS.—A grant received by
24	an eligible entity under subparagraph (A) may
25	be used only—

ELT20325

1	"(i) to procure and distribute spe-
2	cialty crops;
3	"(ii) to purchase, lease, or otherwise
4	acquire vehicles, including refrigerated ve-
5	hicles, or other equipment to carry out ac-
6	tivities related to procurement and dis-
7	tribution of specialty crops;
8	"(iii) to pay for the cost of additional
9	personnel;
10	"(iv) to pay for travel relating to pro-
11	curement of specialty crops; and
12	"(v) to pay for preparation, storage,
13	and transportation of specialty crops, in-
14	cluding delivery to end-consumers.";
15	(2) in subsection (c)—
16	(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and
17	(2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively,
18	and indenting appropriately;
19	(B) in the matter preceding subparagraph
20	(A) (as so redesignated), by striking "Notwith-
21	standing subsection (b)," and inserting the fol-
22	lowing:
23	"(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection
24	(b), and except as provided in paragraph (2),"; and
25	(C) by adding at the end the following:

1	"(2) GRANTS FOR FOOD BANKS AND FOOD AC-
2	CESS NETWORKS.—Notwithstanding subsection (b),
3	the amount of a grant received by a State under
4	subsection (a)(2) shall be not less than
5	\$100,000,000."; and
6	(3) in subsection (l)—
7	(A) in paragraph (1), in the matter pre-
8	ceding subparagraph (A), by inserting "except
9	for grants made under subsection (a)(2)," be-
10	fore "using—"; and
11	(B) by adding at the end the following:
12	"(3) Emergency funding for grants for
13	FOOD BANKS AND FOOD ACCESS NETWORKS.—
14	"(A) IN GENERAL.—Out of amounts in the
15	Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Sec-
16	retary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Sec-
17	retary \$8,000,000,000 to award grants under
18	subsection $(a)(2)$, to remain available until ex-
19	pended.
20	"(B) RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE.—The
21	Secretary shall be entitled to receive, shall ac-
22	cept, and shall use to award grants under sub-
23	section $(a)(2)$ the amount transferred under
24	subparagraph (A), without further appropria-
25	tion.

1	"(C) Emergency designation.—
2	"(i) IN GENERAL.—The amounts pro-
3	vided by this paragraph are designated as
4	an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-
5	tion 4(g) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go
6	Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 933(g)).
7	"(ii) DESIGNATION IN SENATE.—In
8	the Senate, this paragraph is designated as
9	an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-
10	tion 4112(a) of H. Con. Res. 71 (115th
11	Congress), the concurrent resolution on the
12	budget for fiscal year 2018.".