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To exempt certain farm vehicles from certain operating requirements, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Mr. BOREN) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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requirements, and for other purposes.

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 “Farmers’ Freedom Act
5 of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTIONS FROM REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN**
7 **FARM VEHICLES.**

8 (a) FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS.—A covered farm ve-
9 hicle, including the individual operating that vehicle, shall
10 be exempt from the following:

1 (1) Any requirement relating to commercial
2 driver's licenses established under chapter 313 of
3 title 49, United States Code.

4 (2) Any requirement relating to drug testing es-
5 tablished under chapter 313 of title 49, United
6 States Code.

7 (3) Any requirement relating to medical certifi-
8 cates established under chapter 313 of title 49,
9 United States Code.

10 (4) Any requirement relating to hours of service
11 established under—

12 (A) subchapter III of chapter 311 of title
13 49, United States Code; or

14 (B) chapter 315 of title 49, United States
15 Code.

16 (b) STATE REQUIREMENTS.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Federal transportation fund-
18 ing to a State may not be terminated, limited, or
19 otherwise interfered with as a result of the State ex-
20 emption of a covered farm vehicle, including the indi-
21 vidual operating that vehicle, from any State re-
22 quirement relating to the operation of that vehicle.

23 (2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) does not apply
24 with respect to a covered farm vehicle transporting
25 hazardous materials that require a placard.

1 (c) COVERED FARM VEHICLE DEFINED.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—In this section, the term
3 “covered farm vehicle” means a motor vehicle that—

4 (A) is traveling—

5 (i) in the State in which the vehicle is
6 registered; or

7 (ii) in a State other than the State in
8 which the vehicle is registered;

9 (B) is operated by—

10 (i) a farm owner;

11 (ii) a ranch owner;

12 (iii) a farm operator;

13 (iv) a ranch operator; or

14 (v) an employee or family member of
15 an individual specified in clauses (i)
16 through (iv);

17 (C) is transporting—

18 (i) agricultural commodities;

19 (ii) livestock; or

20 (iii) machinery or supplies to or from
21 a farm or ranch;

22 (D) except as provided in paragraph (2), is
23 not used in the operations of a for-hire motor
24 carrier; and

1 (E) is equipped with a special license plate
2 or other designation by the State in which the
3 vehicle is registered to allow for identification of
4 the vehicle as a farm vehicle by law enforcement
5 personnel.

6 (2) INCLUSION.—In this section, the term “cov-
7 ered farm vehicle” includes a motor vehicle—

8 (A) operated pursuant to a crop share
9 farm lease agreement;

10 (B) owned by a tenant with respect to that
11 agreement; and

12 (C) transporting the landlord’s portion of
13 the crops under that agreement.

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