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To amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to establish
a community-supported agriculture promotion program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 26, 2011

Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. TESTER)
introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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to establish a community-supported agriculture pro-
motion program.

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 “Community-Supported
5 Agriculture Promotion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE PRO-**
 2 **MOTION PROGRAM.**

3 Subtitle A of title X of the Food, Conservation, and
 4 Energy Act of 2008 (122 Stat. 2097; Public Law 110–
 5 246) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 10110. COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE PRO-**
 7 **MOTION PROGRAM.**

8 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 “(1) CSA.—The term ‘CSA’ means a farm op-
 10 erated in a manner consistent with community-sup-
 11 ported agriculture, as defined by the Secretary.

12 “(2) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The term
 13 ‘nonprofit organization’ means an organization,
 14 group, institute, or institution that qualifies as an
 15 organization described in section 501(c) of the Inter-
 16 nal Revenue Code of 1986, and is exempt from tax-
 17 ation under section 501(a) of that Code.

18 “(3) PROGRAM.—The term ‘Program’ means
 19 the Community-Supported Agriculture Promotion
 20 Program established under subsection (b).

21 “(4) UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY.—The term
 22 ‘underserved community’ means a community (in-
 23 cluding an urban or rural community or an Indian
 24 tribe) that, as determined by the Secretary, has—

25 “(A) limited access to affordable, healthy
 26 foods, including fresh fruits and vegetables;

1 “(B) a high incidence of a diet-related dis-
2 ease (including obesity) as compared to the na-
3 tional average;

4 “(C) a high rate of hunger or food insecur-
5 rity; or

6 “(D) severe or persistent poverty.

7 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall carry
8 out a program, to be known as the ‘Community-Supported
9 Agriculture Promotion Program’, to promote community-
10 supported agriculture.

11 “(c) PROGRAM PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Pro-
12 gram are—

13 “(1) to assist in the improvement or expansion
14 of existing CSAs;

15 “(2) to assist in the development of new CSAs;

16 “(3) to enhance the economic viability of agri-
17 cultural producers;

18 “(4) to enhance the relationship between con-
19 sumers and agricultural producers;

20 “(5) to encourage outreach and education ac-
21 tivities that develop consumer interest in CSA par-
22 ticipation;

23 “(6) to assist in the development, improvement,
24 or expansion of innovative delivery and distribution

1 programs that stimulate consumer interest in CSA
2 participation; and

3 “(7) to assist in the development, improvement,
4 and expansion of multifarm CSAs that—

5 “(A) allow agricultural producers to con-
6 centrate on the production of a few crops or the
7 development of value-added products; and

8 “(B) stimulate consumer interest in CSA
9 participation by offering an increased variety of
10 products.

11 “(d) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An entity shall be eligible
12 to receive a grant under the Program if the entity is—

13 “(1) a nonprofit organization;

14 “(2) an extension service program operated
15 through an institution of higher education (as de-
16 fined in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of
17 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001));

18 “(3) an agricultural producer;

19 “(4) a State or local government;

20 “(5) a public benefit corporation; or

21 “(6) such other entity as the Secretary may
22 designate.

23 “(e) CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-
2 lish criteria to evaluate and rank proposed projects
3 under the Program.

4 “(2) PREFERENCE.—In developing the criteria,
5 the Secretary shall emphasize support for—

6 “(A) public entities and nonprofit organi-
7 zations that propose in an application to pro-
8 vide substantial financial and technical assist-
9 ance directly to CSAs from individual- or fam-
10 ily-operated farms;

11 “(B) CSAs from individual- or family-oper-
12 ated farms;

13 “(C) the expansion of CSAs into under-
14 served communities;

15 “(D) CSAs operated by or employing vet-
16 erans (as defined in section 101 of title 38,
17 United States Code); and

18 “(E) the development, improvement, or ex-
19 pansion of innovative delivery and distribution
20 programs that stimulate consumer interest in
21 CSA participation.

22 “(f) FUNDING.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds of the Com-
24 modity Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall use
25 to carry out this section—

1 “(A) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2012;

2 “(B) \$12,000,000 for each of fiscal years
3 2013 through 2015; and

4 “(C) \$15,000,000 for each fiscal years
5 2016 through 2018.

6 “(2) INTERDEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION.—

7 In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall
8 ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, coordi-
9 nation between the applicable agencies.”.

10 **SEC. 3. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

11 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
12 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
13 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
14 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
15 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
16 by the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, pro-
17 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
18 vote on passage.

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