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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. KING, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “American Grown Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON PROCUREMENT.**

6 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) COVERED AGENCY.—The term “covered
8 agency” means—

9 (A) the Executive Office of the President;

1 (B) the Department of Defense; and

2 (C) the Department of State.

3 (2) COVERED ENTITY.—The term “covered en-
4 tity” means—

5 (A) a foreign government; and

6 (B) an agent of a foreign principal (as de-
7 fined section 1 of the Foreign Agents Registra-
8 tion Act of 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C 611)).

9 (3) CUT FLOWER.—The term “cut flower”
10 means a flower removed from a living plant for deco-
11 rative use.

12 (4) CUT GREEN.—The term “cut green” means
13 a green, foliage, or branch removed from a living
14 plant for decorative use.

15 (5) QUALIFYING AREA.—The term “qualifying
16 area” means—

17 (A) a State;

18 (B) the District of Columbia;

19 (C) a territory or possession of the United
20 States; or

21 (D) an area subject to the jurisdiction of
22 a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

23 (b) REQUIREMENT.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Funds appropriated or oth-
25 erwise available to a covered agency may only be

1 used for the procurement of a cut flower or cut
 2 green if the cut flower or cut green is grown in a
 3 qualifying area.

4 (2) APPLICABILITY.—This subsection shall
 5 apply to a procurement made or contracted for—

6 (A) in the United States; and

7 (B) on or after the date that is 1 year
 8 after the date of enactment of this Act.

9 (c) GIFTS FOR DISPLAY.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—A covered agency may only
 11 accept a gift of a cut flower or cut green that is not
 12 grown in a qualifying area from a covered entity for
 13 the purpose of displaying the cut flower or cut green
 14 if—

15 (A) the origin of the cut flower or cut
 16 green is clearly displayed at the time of deliv-
 17 ery; and

18 (B) at the time of delivery, the covered
 19 agency procures an additional cut flower or cut
 20 green that is grown in a qualifying area to dis-
 21 play during the period of display of the gift.

22 (2) REQUIREMENT.—A covered agency that ac-
 23 cepts a gift of a cut flower or cut green from a cov-
 24 ered entity under paragraph (1) shall clearly display

- 1 the origin of the cut flower or cut green during the
- 2 period of display of the cut flower or cut green.

