

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5503

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to include Indian Tribes in certain provisions relating to priority resource concerns.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

Mr. NEGUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to include Indian Tribes in certain provisions relating to priority resource concerns.

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 “Tribal Conservation
5 Priorities Inclusion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF INDIAN TRIBES IN PROVISIONS RE-**
7 **LATING TO PRIORITY RESOURCE CONCERNS.**

8 (a) ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PRO-
9 GRAM.—Section 1240A(7) of the Food Security Act of
10 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–1(7)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

2 (A) by inserting “tribal,” before “or local”;

3 and

4 (B) by inserting “or an area on tribal land

5 (as defined in section 2601 of the Energy Pol-

6 icy Act of 1992 (25 U.S.C. 3501))” after “of

7 a State”; and

8 (2) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “or on

9 tribal land (as so defined)” after “State or region”.

10 (b) CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM.—Sec-

11 tion 1240I(5) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C.

12 3839aa–21(5)) is amended—

13 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

14 (A) by inserting “tribal,” before “or local”;

15 and

16 (B) by inserting “or an area on tribal land

17 (as defined in section 2601 of the Energy Pol-

18 icy Act of 1992 (25 U.S.C. 3501))” after “of

19 a State”; and

20 (2) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “or on

21 tribal land (as so defined)” after “State or region”.

22 (c) STEWARDSHIP CONTRACTS.—Section

23 1240K(b)(3) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C.

24 3839aa–23(b)(3)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “that the Secretary determines
2 are” and inserting “as the Secretary determines to
3 be”; and

4 (2) by inserting “tribal,” before “and local”.

5 (d) CRITICAL CONSERVATION AREAS.—Section
6 1271F(a)(2)(C) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16
7 U.S.C. 3871f(a)(2)(C)) is amended by inserting “tribal,”
8 before “or local”.

9 (e) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Section 1201(a)(14)
10 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801(a)(14))
11 is amended—

12 (1) by striking “section 4(e)” and inserting
13 “section 4”; and

14 (2) by striking “450b(e)” and inserting
15 “5304”.

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