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S. 1628

To prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment
in agriculture research.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 16, 2023

Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
and Forestry

A BILL

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investment in agriculture research.

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 “America Grows Act
5 of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. FUNDING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is appropriated, out of any
8 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to each
9 funding recipient described in subsection (b) for the pro-

1 grams, projects, and activities of such funding recipient,
2 the following amounts:

3 (1) For fiscal year 2024, the amount equal to
4 105 percent of the amount of new budget authority
5 made available in appropriation Acts for that fund-
6 ing recipient for fiscal year 2023, increased by the
7 percentage increase (if any), during fiscal year 2023,
8 in the Consumer Price Index for all urban con-
9 sumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

10 (2) For each of fiscal years 2025 through 2033,
11 the amount equal to 105 percent of the amount ap-
12 propriated to that funding recipient under this sub-
13 section for the previous fiscal year, increased by the
14 percentage increase (if any), during such previous
15 fiscal year, in the Consumer Price Index for all
16 urban consumers published by the Bureau of Labor
17 Statistics.

18 (3) For fiscal year 2034, and each fiscal year
19 thereafter, the amount appropriated under this para-
20 graph for the previous fiscal year, increased by the
21 percentage increase (if any), during such previous
22 fiscal year, in the Consumer Price Index for all
23 urban consumers published by the Bureau of Labor
24 Statistics.

1 (b) FUNDING RECIPIENTS DESCRIBED.—The fund-
 2 ing recipients described in this subsection are—

- 3 (1) the Agricultural Research Service;
- 4 (2) the Economic Research Service;
- 5 (3) the National Agricultural Statistics Service;
- 6 and
- 7 (4) the National Institute of Food and Agri-
 8 culture.

9 (c) AVAILABILITY.—Each amount appropriated
 10 under subsection (a) shall remain available for obligation
 11 through the last day of the fiscal year for which such
 12 amount is appropriated.

13 **SEC. 3. EXEMPTION FROM SEQUESTRATION.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 255(g)(1)(A) of the Bal-
 15 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985
 16 (2 U.S.C. 905(g)(1)(A)) is amended by inserting after
 17 “Advances to the Unemployment Trust Fund and Other
 18 Funds (16–0327–0–1–600).” the following:

19 “Appropriations made available under
 20 section 2(a) of the America Grows Act of
 21 2023.”.

22 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
 23 section (a) shall apply to any sequestration order issued
 24 under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Con-

1 trol Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900 et seq.) on or after the
2 date of enactment of this Act.

3 **SEC. 4. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

4 (a) STATUTORY PAYGO SCORECARDS.—The budg-
5 etary effects of this Act shall not be entered on either
6 PAYGO scorecard maintained pursuant to section 4(d) of
7 the Statutory Pay As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C.
8 933(d)).

9 (b) SENATE PAYGO SCORECARDS.—The budgetary
10 effects of this Act shall not be entered on any PAYGO
11 scorecard maintained for purposes of section 4106 of H.
12 Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress).

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