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S. 1172

To unfreeze funding for contracts of the Department of Agriculture, to prohibit Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service office closures, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. WELCH, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KING, Ms. SMITH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 “Honor Farmer Con-
5 tracts Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FUNDING AND OF-**
2 **FICES.**

3 The Secretary of Agriculture—

4 (1) shall, immediately after the enactment of
5 this Act, unfreeze funding for and implement all
6 agreements and contracts entered into by the Sec-
7 retary of Agriculture prior to the date of enactment
8 of this Act;

9 (2) shall, as rapidly as possible after the enact-
10 ment of this Act, pay all past due amounts owed by
11 the Secretary of Agriculture under the agreements
12 and contracts described in paragraph (1);

13 (3) shall not cancel any signed agreement or
14 contract with a farmer or an entity providing assist-
15 ance to farmers, unless the farmer or entity has
16 failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the
17 agreement or contract; and

18 (4) shall not close any Farm Service Agency
19 county office, Natural Resources Conservation Serv-
20 ice field office, or Rural Development Service Center
21 without providing written notice and justification to
22 Congress not later than 60 days before the date on
23 which the applicable office is intended to be closed.

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