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118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to expand outreach and assistance to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers who are women, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Empowering Women  
5 in Agriculture Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FARMING OPPORTUNITIES TRAINING AND OUT-**  
2 **REACH.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2501(a) of the Food, Ag-  
4 riculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C.  
5 2279(a)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (6), by striking “racial or eth-  
7 nic prejudice” and inserting “racial, gender, or eth-  
8 nic prejudice”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(8) WOMEN’S NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—  
11 The term ‘women’s nonprofit organization’ means an  
12 organization that—

13 “(A) was founded by, and for the purpose  
14 of serving, women;

15 “(B) is an organization described in sec-  
16 tion 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
17 1986 and exempt from taxation under section  
18 501(a) of such Code; and

19 “(C) has been in continuous existence for  
20 at least 10 years.”.

21 (b) OUTREACH AND ASSISTANCE FOR SOCIALLY DIS-  
22 ADVANTAGED AND VETERAN FARMERS AND RANCH-  
23 ERS.—Section 2501(c) of the Food, Agriculture, Con-  
24 servation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2279(c)) is  
25 amended—

1           (1) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the  
2 following:

3           “(H) A women’s nonprofit organization.”;

4           and

5           (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “fiscal years  
6 2019 through 2023” and inserting “fiscal years  
7 2019 through 2029”.

8           (c) BEGINNING FARMER AND RANCHER DEVELOP-  
9 MENT GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 2501(d)(1) of the  
10 Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990  
11 (7 U.S.C. 2279(d)(1)) is amended by striking “fiscal years  
12 2019 through 2023” and inserting “fiscal years 2019  
13 through 2029”.

14           (d) FUNDING.—Section 2501(l) of the Food, Agri-  
15 culture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C.  
16 2279(l)) is amended—

17           (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “fiscal years  
18 2019 through 2023” and inserting “fiscal years  
19 2019 through 2029”; and

20           (2) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end the  
21 following:

22           “(C) SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED WOMEN  
23 FARMERS AND RANCHERS.—Not less than 10  
24 percent of the amounts made available to carry  
25 out subsection (c) for a fiscal year shall be used

1 to support programs and services that address  
2 the needs of women who are socially disadvan-  
3 taged farmers or ranchers.”.