

Title: To require the Secretary of Agriculture to prioritize Tribal and rural producers in conducting good agricultural practices audits, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

## SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the [“\_\_\_\_\_ Act of \_\_\_\_”].

## SEC. 2. GAP GRANT PROGRAM FOR TRIBAL AND RURAL PRODUCERS.

(a) Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Grant Program for Tribal and Rural Producers. Using 5% of the overall funds appropriated for the Local Agricultural Marketing Program in Sec. 210A(i) (7 USC 1627c), the Secretary shall make grants to tribal or rural producers to defray the cost of undergoing a GAP, GroupGap, or Harmonized GAP audit, to support market access opportunities for local tribal and rural producers. In the case of a grant provided under paragraph (1) to an eligible entity described in subparagraph (B), the following shall apply:

(1) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall carry out this subsection through the Administrator of the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, in coordination with the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An entity shall be eligible for a grant under this paragraph if the entity is either or both of the following—

(A) TRIBAL PRODUCER.—The term “Tribal producer” means an agricultural producer that is a member of an Indian Tribe (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)).

(B) RURAL PRODUCER.—The term “Rural producer” means an agricultural producer that is in a rural area (as defined in section 343(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1991(a))).