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To suspend certain payment limitations relating to agricultural risk coverage and price loss coverage for crop year 2025 and to make advance partial payments under such coverages for such crop year.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CRAWFORD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

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 “Bridge the Gap for
5 Rural Communities Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT LIMITATIONS FOR CROP**
2 **YEAR 2025.**

3 Section 1001(f) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7
4 U.S.C. 1308(f)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(10) SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT LIMITATIONS
7 FOR CROP YEAR 2025.—Subsections (b) and (c) shall
8 not apply to a person or legal entity for crop year
9 2025.”.

10 **SEC. 3. AVAILABILITY OF ADVANCE PARTIAL PAYMENTS**
11 **FOR CROP YEAR 2025.**

12 Section 1115 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7
13 U.S.C. 9015) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “(j) AVAILABILITY OF ADVANCE PARTIAL PAYMENTS
16 FOR CROP YEAR 2025.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December
18 31, 2025, the Secretary shall provide to producers
19 on a farm that make an election under paragraph
20 (2) a partial payment with respect to each payment
21 to such producer for the payment acres for each cov-
22 ered commodity on the farm under subsection (i).

23 “(2) OPTION TO RECEIVE PARTIAL PAY-
24 MENTS.—Not later than December 1, 2025, a pro-
25 ducer may opt to receive partial payments under this
26 subsection by notifying the Administrator of the

1 Farm Service Agency in such manner as the Admin-
2 istrator determines appropriate.

3 “(3) AMOUNT.—Notwithstanding subsection
4 (a), a partial payment under this subsection shall be
5 equal to 50 percent of the projected payment for the
6 covered commodity for the 2025 crop year under
7 subsection (i), as determined by the Secretary.

8 “(4) DETERMINATION OF PROJECTED PRICE.—
9 For purposes of determining the amount of the pro-
10 jected payment under paragraph (3), the Secretary
11 shall use—

12 “(A) the projected average farm price for
13 the applicable eligible commodity for the 2025–
14 2026 marketing year contained in the most re-
15 cent World Agricultural Supply and Demand
16 Estimates published before the date of enact-
17 ment of this Act by the World Agricultural Out-
18 look Board; or

19 “(B) if such projected average farm price
20 is not available with respect to a covered com-
21 modity, a comparable projected price per acre
22 for such covered commodity, as determined by
23 the Secretary.

24 “(k) SUBSEQUENT PAYMENT FOR CROP YEAR
25 2025.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a producer
2 on a farm that opts to receive a partial payment
3 under subsection (j) for a covered commodity for the
4 2025 crop year with respect to payment acres for
5 the covered commodity on the farm, the Secretary
6 shall, beginning October 1, or as soon as practicable
7 thereafter, after the end of the applicable marketing
8 year for the covered commodity, provide a subse-
9 quent payment to the producer in an amount equal
10 to—

11 “(A) the payment amount for such pay-
12 ment acres for the covered commodity deter-
13 mined under subsection (i) for the 2025 crop
14 year; minus

15 “(B) the amount provided for such pay-
16 ment acres for the covered commodity under
17 subsection (j) for the 2025 crop year.

18 “(2) OVERPAYMENT.—In the case of a producer
19 described in paragraph (1) that receives in the ag-
20 gregate with respect to a covered commodity for
21 crop year 2025 an amount that is greater than the
22 amount described in subparagraph (A) of such para-
23 graph, the producer shall repay the Secretary such
24 excess amount, without interest.

1 “(l) CLARIFICATION RELATING TO ASSIGNMENT OF
2 PARTIAL AND SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS.—A payment
3 made under subsections (j) and (k) may be assigned in
4 accordance with part 1404 of title 7, Code of Federal Reg-
5 ulations.”.