

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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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.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BOOKER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FUNDING AND OF-**  
7 **FICES.**

8 The Secretary of Agriculture—

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

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

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

15          (4) shall not close any Farm Service Agency  
16 county office or Natural Resources Conservation  
17 Service field office without providing written notice  
18 and justification to Congress not later than 60 days  
19 before the date on which the applicable office is in-  
20 tended to be closed.