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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to require the research and development of a policy to insure the production of mushrooms.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. HOULAHAN 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 “Protecting Mushroom
5 Farmers Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON MUSHROOMS.**

2 Section 522(c) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7
3 U.S.C. 1522(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(20) MUSHROOMS.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall
7 carry out research and development, or offer to
8 enter into 1 or more contracts with 1 or more
9 qualified persons to carry out research and de-
10 velopment, regarding a policy to insure—

11 “(i) the production of mushroom
12 growing media; and

13 “(ii) the production of mushrooms.

14 “(B) AVAILABILITY OF POLICY.—Notwith-
15 standing the second sentence of section
16 508(a)(1), and section 508(a)(2), the Corpora-
17 tion shall make a policy described in subpara-
18 graph (A) available if the requirements of sec-
19 tion 508(h) are met.

20 “(C) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DE-
21 SCRIBED.—Research and development described
22 in subparagraph (A) shall evaluate the effective-
23 ness of policies described in that subparagraph,
24 including policies that—

25 “(i) are based on the risk of—

1 “(I) pests, including mushroom
2 phorid flies and sciarid flies;

3 “(II) fungal pathogens; and

4 “(III) viral pathogens;

5 “(ii) consider other causes of loss ap-
6 plicable to mushroom compost and mush-
7 room production, such as—

8 “(I) a loss of electricity due to
9 weather; and

10 “(II) loss of growing media due
11 to excessive 5-year, 10-year, or 20-
12 year rainfall events;

13 “(iii) consider appropriate best prac-
14 tices to minimize the risk of loss;

15 “(iv) consider whether to provide cov-
16 erage for mushrooms under 1 policy or to
17 provide coverage for various phases of pro-
18 duction;

19 “(v) have streamlined reporting and
20 paperwork requirements that take into ac-
21 count short propagation schedules, variable
22 crop years, and the variety of mushrooms
23 that may be produced in a single facility;
24 and

1 “(vi) provide protection for revenue
2 losses.

3 “(D) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years
4 after the date of enactment of this paragraph,
5 the Corporation shall submit to the Committee
6 on Agriculture of the House of Representatives
7 and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
8 and Forestry of the Senate a report that de-
9 scribes—

10 “(i) the results of the research and
11 development carried out under subpara-
12 graph (A); and

13 “(ii) any recommendations with re-
14 spect to those results.”.