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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Austin Scott of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ______________________________________

A BILL

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION FOR USDA TO RESPOND TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for fiscal year 2020 for an additional amount for the “Department of Agriculture—Office of the Secretary”,
$50,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, to
prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID–19 pan-
demic by providing support for agricultural producers im-
pacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, provided that the Sec-
retary shall not apply any limitation on payments made
to producers using funding provided under this section,
except to ensure that total payments made to producers
do not exceed total damages related to the COVID–19
pandemic, as determined by the Secretary.

(b) EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.—The amount appro-
priated by subsection (a) is designated by the Congress
as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-
tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
gency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and shall only be avail-
able if the President subsequently so designates such
amount and transmits such designation to the Congress.