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115TH CONGRESS  
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To expand crop insurance available to beginning farmers and ranchers, and  
for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To expand crop insurance available to beginning farmers  
and ranchers, and for other purposes.

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. NONINSURED CROP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

4 Section 196 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement  
5 and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7333) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)(2)—

7 (A) by adding at the end the following new  
8 subparagraph:

1           “(D) INCLUSION OF BEGINNING FARM-  
2           ERS.—The term ‘eligible crop’ shall include  
3           each commercial crop or other agricultural com-  
4           modity (except livestock) produced by a begin-  
5           ning farmer that is ineligible for a whole farm  
6           diversified risk management insurance plan  
7           under section 522(c)(19) of the Federal Crop  
8           Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1522(c)(19)) due to  
9           lack of production or revenue history.”; and

10           (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “In”  
11           and inserting “Except as provided in subpara-  
12           graph (D), in”;

13           (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
14           section:

15           “(m) ADDITIONAL BEGINNING FARMER PROVI-  
16           SIONS.—

17           “(1) ELIGIBILITY.—Notwithstanding any other  
18           provisions of this section, the following additional  
19           coverage shall be made available to any beginning  
20           farmer for up to the greater of the following:

21           “(A) 4 years.

22           “(B) The number of years of revenue his-  
23           tory required for the farmer to qualify for the  
24           whole farm diversified risk management insur-  
25           ance plan under section 522(c)(19) of the Fed-

1           eral Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C.  
2           1522(c)(19)).

3           “(2) COVERAGE.—Additional coverage shall be  
4           available to beginning farmers under this subsection  
5           up to 75 percent, as elected by the farmer and speci-  
6           fied in 5-percent increments.”.

7   **SEC. 2. WHOLE FARM DIVERSIFIED MANAGEMENT INSUR-**  
8                           **ANCE PLAN.**

9           Section 522(c)(19) of the Federal Crop Insurance  
10          Act is amended by adding at the end the following new  
11          subparagraph:

12                       “(E) ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING  
13                       EXPENSES.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
14                       sion of this Act, the Corporation may allow ap-  
15                       proved insurance providers to use an alternate  
16                       compensation structure for the administration  
17                       of plans under this paragraph—

18                               “(i) that compensates agents based  
19                               solely on the amount of time necessary to  
20                               write and administer such plans;

21                               “(ii) that proportionally compensates  
22                               agents for the time necessary to write and  
23                               administer such a plan; or

24                               “(iii) for crop adjustment claims.

1           “(F) PAPERWORK REDUCTION.—The Cor-  
2           poration shall seek to ensure that the paper-  
3           work requirements of agents and producers as-  
4           sociated with the plan under this paragraph  
5           are—

6                   “(i) minimized to the maximum extent  
7                   possible; and

8                   “(ii) actuarially sound.

9           “(G) EXPANDING OPERATIONS.—To the  
10           maximum extent possible, the Corporation shall  
11           ensure that all producers, including producers  
12           with an expected revenue from an operation  
13           that is greater than 35 percent of the revenue  
14           for the previous year, are able to obtain cov-  
15           erage under the plan under this paragraph.

16           “(H) COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE REPORT.—Not later than 180 days  
17           after the date of the enactment of this subpara-  
18           graph, the Risk Management Agency shall sub-  
19           mit to Congress a report on the extent to which  
20           it would be practicable to offer plans under this  
21           paragraph to producers using community-sup-  
22           ported agriculture for sales.

24           “(I) PAPERWORK REDUCTION.—The Cor-  
25           poration shall conduct activities or enter into

1 contracts to carry out research and development  
2 to develop a paperwork reduction policy that—

3 “(i) is only available to operations  
4 with less than \$1,000,000 in revenue; and

5 “(ii) streamlines the purchase and ap-  
6 proval process to the maximum extent pos-  
7 sible while maintaining actuarial sound-  
8 ness.

9 “(J) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after  
10 the date of the enactment of this subparagraph,  
11 the Risk Management Agency shall submit a re-  
12 port to Congress on the feasibility of allowing  
13 producers, with respect to claims for such  
14 year—

15 “(i) to exclude crop year revenue for  
16 such year; and

17 “(ii) use—

18 “(I) an average of previous crop  
19 years revenues; or

20 “(II) 60 percent of the county  
21 average revenue.”.