

119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to clarify land eligible for enrollment in the conservation reserve program.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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**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 “Building Up Farmland  
5 Frontiers for Ecological Resilience Act” or the “BUFFER  
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBLE LAND UNDER THE CONSERVATION RE-**  
8 **SERVE PROGRAM.**

9 Section 1231(b) of the Food Security Act of 1985  
10 (16 U.S.C. 3831(b)) is amended—

1           (1) in paragraph (6)(B)(ii), by striking “or” at  
2           the end;

3           (2) in paragraph (7)(C), by striking the period  
4           at the end and inserting “; or”; and

5           (3) by adding at the end the following:

6           “(8) land that is otherwise eligible for enroll-  
7           ment and for which a Tribal, State, or other local  
8           law, ordinance, or other regulation requires any re-  
9           source-conserving or environmental protection meas-  
10          ure or practice, unless the requirement to implement  
11          such a measure or practice has been imposed by an  
12          administrative order or a court order, in which case  
13          that land shall not be eligible for enrollment.”.