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To provide emergency assistance to covered producers for market-ready swine losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HAGEDORN 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. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR MARKET-READY**
4 **SWINE LOSSES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds of the Commodity
6 Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall use
7 \$1,200,000,000 to provide emergency relief to covered
8 producers to aid in the reduction of intentional depopula-

1 tion losses of swine due to the closure or the reduction
2 in processing capacity of a processing plant related to the
3 COVID–19 pandemic.

4 (b) VALUATION.—In determining the amount of
5 losses for purposes of the payment rates under subsection
6 (a), the Secretary shall use the average sales price, as de-
7 termined by Secretary in collaboration with the Chief
8 Economist of the Department of Agriculture and the Ad-
9 ministrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, for
10 market-ready swine on April 19, 2020. In no case shall
11 the payment made under subsection (a) with respect to
12 the losses of a covered producer exceed the actual market
13 value of market-ready livestock on the day on which the
14 covered producer began to suffer such losses.

15 (c) ELIGIBLE LOSSES.—A covered producer shall be
16 eligible for losses described in subsection (a) incurred on
17 or after April 19, 2020.

18 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) COVERED PRODUCER.—The term “covered
20 producer” means a person or legal entity that as-
21 sumes the production and market risks associated
22 with the agricultural production of swine (as such
23 terms are defined in section 2(a) of the Packers and
24 Stockyards Act, 1921 (7 U.S.C. 183(a)).

1 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of Agriculture.