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113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to establish a competitive grant program for renewable fuel infrastructure, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LOEBSACK 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 “Renewable Fuel Utili-
5 zation, Expansion, and Leadership Act” or the “RE-
6 FUEL Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 Title IX of the Farm Security and Rural Investment
4 Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8101) is amended by adding at
5 the end the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 9014. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 “(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of Agri-
9 culture shall establish a renewable and alternative energy
10 infrastructure competitive grant program to provide
11 grants for renewable and alternative energy infrastructure
12 projects.

13 “(b) **ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.**—A project shall be eligi-
14 ble for a grant under subsection (a) if the project—

15 “(1) is for new infrastructure or retrofitting ex-
16 isting infrastructure for the dispensing of covered
17 renewable or alternative energy (including pumps,
18 storage tanks, internal tank lining, piping, and elec-
19 tric vehicle chargers) for retail consumption; and

20 “(2) the project will be capable of dispensing
21 fuel containing an amount of covered renewable or
22 alternative energy that is higher than ordinarily
23 found in commerce, as determined by the Secretary.

24 “(c) **PRIORITIZATION.**—In awarding grants under
25 this section, the Secretary shall give priority to projects
26 in rural areas.

1 “(d) MAXIMUM GRANT.—A grant awarded under this
2 section shall not exceed \$100,000.

3 “(e) MATCHING FUNDS.—An entity that receives a
4 grant under this section shall contribute an amount of
5 non-Federal funds towards the project for which such enti-
6 ty receives such grant that is at least equal to 30 percent
7 of the amount of grant funds received by such entity under
8 this section for such project.

9 “(f) FUNDING.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—From amounts received by
11 the United States each fiscal year as royalties for
12 the production of oil under oil and gas leases grant-
13 ed under section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf
14 Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337), 1 percent shall be
15 available to the Secretary to carry out this section.

16 “(2) OTHER DISBURSEMENTS NOT AF-
17 FECTED.—Paragraph (1) shall not affect any re-
18 quirement to use such amounts to make payments
19 for any other purpose.

20 “(g) COVERED RENEWABLE OR ALTERNATIVE EN-
21 ERGY DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘covered renew-
22 able or alternative energy’ means renewable energy, en-
23 ergy intended for use in electric vehicle charging, and hy-
24 drogen and fuel cells.”.