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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To require the Natural Resources Conservation Service to review the national conservation practice standards, taking into consideration climate benefits, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. BROWNLEY 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 “Climate Agricultural
5 Conservation Practices Act”.

1 SEC. 2. CONSIDERATION OF CLIMATE BENEFITS IN CON-

2 SERVATION PRACTICE STANDARDS.

3 Section 1242(h) of the Food Security Act of 1985

4 (16 U.S.C. 3842(h)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)—

6 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “1
7 year after the date of enactment of the Agri-
8 culture Improvement Act of 2018” and insert-
9 ing “5 years after the date of enactment of the
10 Climate Agricultural Conservation Practices
11 Act”;12 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “;
13 and” and inserting a semicolon;14 (C) in subparagraph (D), by striking the
15 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

16 (D) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(E) evaluate the climate benefits of the
18 standards.”;19 (2) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “conserva-
20 tion innovations and” and inserting “climate bene-
21 fits, conservation innovations, and”; and

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

23 “(5) CLIMATE BENEFIT DEFINED.—In this sub-
24 section, the term ‘climate benefit’ means—25 (A) a reduction in agricultural green-
26 house gas emissions;

- 1 “(B) an increase in carbon sequestration;
- 2 or
- 3 “(C) mitigation against, or adaptation to,
- 4 increased weather volatility.”.