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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 to reauthorize Forest Service flexible partnerships.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. NEGUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 to reauthorize Forest Service flexible partnerships.

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 “Forest Service Flexible
5 Housing Partnerships Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) housing is a challenge nationwide, especially
9 in areas within or adjacent to forests; and

1 (2) the Forest Service is a critical partner in
2 addressing housing needs for—

3 (A) individuals in areas described in para-
4 graph (1); and

5 (B) Forest Service employees.

6 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR LEASE OF FOREST SERVICE**
7 **SITES.**

8 Section 8623 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of
9 2018 (16 U.S.C. 580d note; Public Law 115–334) is
10 amended—

11 (1) in subsection (e)—

12 (A) in paragraph (3)(B)(ii)—

13 (i) in subclause (II), by striking
14 “and” at the end;

15 (ii) in subclause (III), by striking
16 “or” at the end and inserting “and”; and

17 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(IV) services occurring off of
20 the administrative site—

21 “(aa) that—

22 “(AA) occur on the unit
23 of the National Forest Sys-
24 tem in which the administra-
25 tive site is located; or

1 “(BB) benefit the Na-
2 tional Forest System; and

3 “(bb) that support activities
4 occurring within the unit of the
5 National Forest System in which
6 the administrative site is located;
7 or”); and

8 (B) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(6) LEASE TERM.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term of a lease of
11 an administrative site under this section shall
12 be up to 100 years.

13 “(B) RENEWAL.—A lease of an adminis-
14 trative site under this section shall include a
15 provision for renewal of the lease if the use of
16 the administrative site, at the time of renewal,
17 is in accordance with this section.”); and

18 (2) in subsection (i), by striking “2023” each
19 place it appears and inserting “2028”.