

## HR 4988

### Conservation Assistance Loan Act of 2018

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

**Introduced:** Feb 8, 2018

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. (Feb 8, 2018)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/4988>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Feb 8, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 8, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Feb 8, 2018)

#### Conservation Assistance Loan Act of 2018

This bill establishes a Department of Agriculture (USDA) nonrecourse conservation assistance loan program. Under the program, farmers who receive loans must meet certain conservation requirements, including: (1) complying with applicable conservation and wetland protection requirements under the Food Security Act of 1985, (2) using a reduced tillage method and nutrient management practices, and (3) planting a cover crop.

(Under a nonrecourse loan, a farmer pledges a commodity as collateral and may deliver the pledged collateral to USDA to repay the loan.)

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 8, 2018:** Introduced in House
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