

## HR 6379

### Farmers First Act of 2023

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

**Introduced:** Nov 13, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development. (Jan 24, 2024)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/6379>

### Sponsor

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Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Nov 13, 2023
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-21]	D · CA		Nov 13, 2023
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Rep. Nunn, Zachary [R-IA-3]	R · IA		Nov 13, 2023
Rep. Caraveo, Yadira [D-CO-8]	D · CO		Nov 28, 2023
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Rep. Bishop, Sanford D. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Mar 7, 2024
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Apr 23, 2024
Rep. Davis, Donald G. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Jul 22, 2024

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 24, 2024

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 1736	Identical bill	May 18, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

## **Farmers First Act of 2023**

This bill extends through FY2028 and revises the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN). This Department of Agriculture program provides competitive grants to states, Indian tribes, and qualified nonprofit organizations to provide stress assistance programs (i.e., professional agricultural behavioral health counseling, helplines, and resources) to individuals engaged in farming, ranching, and agriculture-related occupations.

The bill specifies that the grant funding for farm telephone helplines and websites may also be used for crisis lines.

Further, FRSAN grant recipients may establish referral relationships with providers, including Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, health centers, rural health clinics, and critical access hospitals.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 24, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development.
- **Nov 13, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 13, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.