

1 INTERIM RESOLUTION 2025-004

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RESPECTFULLY URGE
4 PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP TO IMPLEMENT TARGETED RELIEF FOR
5 ARKANSAS FARMERS IN 2025.
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7 WHEREAS, agriculture is the backbone of Arkansas's economy but also an
8 essential pillar of America's food security, and Arkansas producers are now
9 facing severe challenges that have resulted in rising rates of bankruptcies
10 and closures of farms across the entire state; and
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12 WHEREAS, these challenges that are resulting in farm bankruptcies and
13 closures include high interest rates, unpredictable weather, volatile
14 markets, and disruptions in global trade, which are occurring alongside
15 dramatic declines in commodity prices and record high input costs for seed,
16 fertilizer, fuel, and agricultural equipment; and
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18 WHEREAS, if producers are forced out of business, the consequences will
19 ripple far beyond the farm gate, impacting rural banks, equipment dealers,
20 and local communities across the entire State of Arkansas; and
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22 WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump and congressional leaders in both
23 parties have made efforts in past years on behalf of Arkansas agricultural
24 producers and rural communities to secure emergency assistance and disaster
25 relief that have been instrumental in helping Arkansas farmers withstand
26 unprecedented challenges; and
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28 WHEREAS, Arkansas agricultural producers and rural communities are in
29 need of strong leadership from President Donald J. Trump and from both
30 parties in Congress to take action now, as farmers must soon make planting
31 and financial decisions that will determine whether they continue their
32 agricultural operations and production at all, and without additional
33 support, many may not have these options,
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35 NOW THEREFORE,

36 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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3 THAT the Legislative Council respectfully urge President Donald J.
4 Trump and the leadership of both parties in Congress to work with the United
5 States Congress to develop and implement a targeted relief package for
6 producers for the 2025 crop year.

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9 Respectfully submitted,

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