

INTERIM RESOLUTION 2025-004

REQUESTING THAT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RESPECTFULLY URGE
PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP TO IMPLEMENT TARGETED RELIEF FOR
ARKANSAS FARMERS IN 2025.

WHEREAS, agriculture is the backbone of Arkansas's economy but also an
essential pillar of America's food security, and Arkansas producers are now
facing severe challenges that have resulted in rising rates of bankruptcies
and closures of farms across the entire state; and

WHEREAS, these challenges that are resulting in farm bankruptcies and
closures include high interest rates, unpredictable weather, volatile
markets, and disruptions in global trade, which are occurring alongside
dramatic declines in commodity prices and record high input costs for seed,
fertilizer, fuel, and agricultural equipment; and

WHEREAS, if producers are forced out of business, the consequences will
ripple far beyond the farm gate, impacting rural banks, equipment dealers,
and local communities across the entire State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump and congressional leaders in both
parties have made efforts in past years on behalf of Arkansas agricultural
producers and rural communities to secure emergency assistance and disaster
relief that have been instrumental in helping Arkansas farmers withstand
unprecedented challenges; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas agricultural producers and rural communities are in
need of strong leadership from President Donald J. Trump and from both
parties in Congress to take action now, as farmers must soon make planting
and financial decisions that will determine whether they continue their
agricultural operations and production at all, and without additional
support, many may not have these options,

NOW THEREFORE,

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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