

1 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “2026” and
2 inserting “2029”.

3 **SEC. 12416. COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**
4 **WHISTLEBLOWER PROGRAM.**

5 Section 1(b) of Public Law 117–25 (135 Stat. 297;
6 136 Stat. 2133) is amended in each of paragraphs (3) and
7 (4), by striking “2024” and inserting “2026”.

8 **SEC. 12417. QUALIFIED RENEWABLE BIOMASS.**

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) AGENCY ACTION.—The term “agency ac-
11 tion” has the meaning given the term in section 551
12 of title 5, United States Code.

13 (2) QUALIFIED RENEWABLE BIOMASS.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “qualified re-
15 newable biomass” means—

16 (i) forest products manufacturing bio-
17 energy feedstocks, including from—

18 (I) forest products manufac-
19 turing residuals, including spent
20 pulpung liquors, pulpung by-products,
21 bark, woody manufacturing residuals,
22 paper recycling residuals, wastewater
23 and process water treatment plant re-
24 siduals, and anaerobic digester biogas;

1 (II) harvest residues, including
2 portions of harvested trees that are
3 too small or of too poor quality to be
4 utilized for wood products or paper
5 products;

6 (III) downed wood from extreme
7 weather events and natural disasters,
8 nonhazardous landscape or right-of-
9 way trimmings and municipal trim-
10 mings, and plant material removed for
11 purposes of invasive or noxious plant
12 species control;

13 (IV) biowaste, including landfill
14 gas; and

15 (V) non-chemically treated used
16 wood products, such as crates or pal-
17 lets; and

18 (ii) forest biomass derived from resi-
19 dues created as a by-product of timber
20 harvesting, including treetops, tree limbs,
21 and bark, but excluding stumps, roots, and
22 round wood suitable for industrial pur-
23 poses.

1 (B) EXCLUSION.—Such term does not in-
2 clude paper of a type that is commonly recy-
3 cled.

4 (b) IN GENERAL.—

5 (1) CONSIDERATION AS RENEWABLE ENERGY
6 SOURCE.—With respect to any agency action of the
7 Department of Agriculture related to qualified re-
8 newable biomass, the Secretary shall consider quali-
9 fied renewable biomass to be a renewable energy
10 source and assign it (and a facility, to the extent it
11 uses qualified renewable biomass as fuel) a green-
12 house gas emission rate, and a carbon intensity, of
13 not greater than zero, if the use of such qualified re-
14 newable biomass as fuel does not cause the conver-
15 sion of forests to non-forest use.

16 (2) PETITIONS.—Not later than 1 year after re-
17 ceiving a petition requesting a change to a rule, pol-
18 icy, or program of the Department of Agriculture in
19 order to comply with the requirements of paragraph
20 (1), the Secretary shall take such action as may be
21 necessary to comply with such requirements with re-
22 spect to such rule, policy, or program.

23 (c) GUIDANCE.—

24 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days
25 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-

1 retary shall establish guidance for purposes of car-
2 rying out subsection (b).

3 (2) MODIFICATION.—The Secretary may peri-
4 odically update the guidance established under para-
5 graph (1) as the Secretary may determine necessary.

6 (3) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this sub-
7 section, the Secretary shall consult with—

8 (A) the Administrator of the Environ-
9 mental Protection Agency;

10 (B) the Secretary of Energy; and

11 (C) any other relevant entities, as deter-
12 mined by the Secretary.