

Speaker Ryan: House passes farm bill with landmark workforce development reforms

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Washington—Today, following the passage of H.R. 2, the Agriculture and Nutrition Act, House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) issued this statement:

“The American Idea is so distinct: The condition of your birth should not determine the outcome of your life. With the passage of this bill, we’re moving toward a poverty-fighting system where this kind of upper mobility is attainable for more Americans. This is a big deal.

“This bill includes critical reforms to nutrition benefits that close the skills gap, better equip our workforce, and encourage people to move from welfare to work, so more Americans have the opportunity to tap into the economic prosperity we’re seeing right now. These reforms will return agency to people rather than keeping it in government, empowering individuals to reach their full potential and make the most of their lives. The bill also provides stability for our farmers and supports development in our rural communities. I want to thank Chairman Conaway and the House Agriculture Committee for putting together such a bold, transformative bill that will help people to move out of poverty and into lives of opportunity.”