



## CBAI Applauds Congressman Bost for Reintroducing the BALE Act

CBAI applauds Illinois Congressman Mike Bost (R-12) for reintroducing the Beginning Agriculturalist Lifetime Employment (BALE) Act of 2021, and Illinois Congresswoman Robin Kelly (D-02) for co-leading this important legislation, which makes this a completely Illinois-led legislative initiative.

CBAI supports this legislation because it is an important effort to increase access to financing for beginning or socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. Agriculture, like other industries, needs new aspirants to remain vibrant and to offset consolidation and those leaving the industry. CBAI appreciates that this program increases the maximum loan guarantee limits on USDA loans. This legislation clearly addresses the greater funding needs of beginning and disadvantaged farmers and ranchers and will help ensure their long and successful careers.

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