

1 **SEC. 5403. SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO CLAIMS**
2 **BROUGHT BY SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED**
3 **FARMERS OR RANCHERS.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary should
5 resolve all claims and class actions brought against the
6 Department of Agriculture by socially disadvantaged
7 farmers or ranchers (as defined in section 355(e) of the
8 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
9 2003(e)), including Native American, Hispanic, and fe-
10 male farmers or ranchers, based on racial, ethnic, or gen-
11 der discrimination in farm program participation in an ex-
12 peditious and just manner.