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To direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to reinstate and extend participation in the 8(a) Program for certain concerns, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CISNEROS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “8(a) Small Business
5 Integrity and Stability Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) 8(a) PROGRAM.—The term “8(a) Program”
2 means the program established under section 8(a) of
3 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637).

4 (2) PROGRAM PARTICIPANT.—The term “Pro-
5 gram Participant” has the meaning given under sec-
6 tion 8(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
7 637).

8 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE 8(a) PRO-**
9 **GRAM.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section
11 7(j)(11)(C) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
12 636(j)(11)(C)), beginning on the date that is 75 days after
13 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator
14 of the Small Business Administration shall extend the
15 term of participation in the 8(a) Program by a period of
16 1 year for a small business concern—

17 (1) that was participating in the 8(a) Program
18 between January 20, 2025, and September 30,
19 2026; and

20 (2) that does not decline such extension.

21 (b) RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—Not later than 15
22 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Ad-
23 ministrator shall issue rules, in accordance with the notice
24 requirements under section 553 of title 5, United States
25 Code, to carry out this section. Such rules shall be similar

1 to the rules issued to carry out section 869 of the National
2 Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2021 (15 U.S.C.
3 637 note) and section 330 of division N of the Consoli-
4 dated Appropriations Act, 2021 (15 U.S.C. 637 note).

5 (c) PROHIBITION ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL.—If the Ad-
6 ministrator does not issue a final rule under subsection
7 (a) the date that is 75 days after the date of the enact-
8 ment of this Act, the Administrator may not obligate any
9 funds made available for official travel by the Adminis-
10 trator until the Administrator submits such final rule.

11 **SEC. 4. REINSTATEMENT AND EXTENSION OF PARTICIPA-**
12 **TION IN THE 8(a) PROGRAM FOR COVERED**
13 **CONCERNS.**

14 (a) REINSTATEMENT.—Notwithstanding section
15 7(j)(11)(C) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
16 636(j)(11)(C)), the Administrator of the Small Business
17 Administration shall ensure that a covered concern may
18 be reinstated as a Program Participant in the 8(a) Pro-
19 gram as if—

20 (1) the participation of such covered concern
21 was not terminated; or

22 (2) the covered concern did not voluntarily
23 withdraw from participation in the 8(a) Program.

1 (b) EXTENSION.—A covered concern reinstated pur-
2 suant to subsection (a) may elect to extend such participa-
3 tion by a period of 1 year.

4 (c) COVERED CONCERN DEFINED.—In this section,
5 the term “covered concern”—

6 (1) means a small business concern (as defined
7 under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15
8 U.S.C. 632)) that was participating in the 8(a) Pro-
9 gram —

10 (A) which participation was terminated
11 due to failure to comply with the request for in-
12 formation issued by the Office of Management
13 and Budget (Control Number 3245–0430; con-
14 cluded November 18, 2025); or

15 (B) that voluntarily withdrew from partici-
16 pation in the 8(a) Program on or after January
17 19, 2026, and before October 1, 2026; and

18 (2) does not include a small business concern
19 described in subparagraph (A)(i) for which the Of-
20 fice of Office of Hearings and Appeals established
21 under section 5(i) of the Small Business Act (15
22 U.S.C. 634(i)) upheld such termination.

1 **SEC. 5. APPLICATION OF CERTAIN SOCIAL DISADVANTAGE**
2 **REGULATIONS TO ELIGIBLE CONCERNS.**

3 With respect to a Program Participant that, on or
4 before June 11, 2026, was determined by the Adminis-
5 trator of the Small Business Administration to be socially
6 disadvantaged for purposes of participation in the 8(a)
7 Program pursuant to section 124.103(c) of title 13, Code
8 of Federal Regulations, the Administrator shall apply the
9 requirements of such section 124.103(c), as in effect on
10 June 11, 2026, to any determination relating to the con-
11 tinued participation of such Program Participant in the
12 8(a) Program.