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Mr. MCGOVERN submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, Armed Services, Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Financial Services, Education and Workforce, Oversight and Government Reform, Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Natural Resources, Small Business, Science, Space, and Technology, Homeland Security, Intelligence (Permanent Select), House Administration, Ways and Means, Rules, Ethics, the Budget, and Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Resolution Act.”

TITLE I

1

2 **SEC. 101. ESTABLISHMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS-PUBLIC**3 **HEALTH SERVICE JOINT SCHOLARSHIP PRO-**4 **GRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 76 of title 38, United
6 States Code, is amended by inserting, after subchapter V,
7 the following new subchapter:

8 “SUBCHAPTER V-A—VETERANS AFFAIRS-PUB-
9 LIC HEALTH SERVICE JOINT SCHOLARSHIP
10 PROGRAM

11 **“SEC. 7661. AUTHORITY.**

12 “As part of the Educational Assistance Program, the
13 Secretary of Veterans Affairs may, in partnership with the
14 Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Sec-
15 retary of Defense, carry out a scholarship program, to be
16 known as the Department of Veterans Affairs-Public
17 Health Service Joint Scholarship Program (hereafter in
18 this subchapter, ‘the program’) under which a PHS officer
19 shall—

20 “(1) attend the F. Edward Hébert School of
21 Medicine of USU at the expense of the Department
22 of Veterans Affairs; and

23 “(2) after graduating and completing an initial
24 residency, serve, full-time, at a medical facility of the

1 Department of Veterans Affairs to fulfill a period of
2 obligated service.

3 **“SEC. 7662. INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-
5 fairs, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and
6 the Secretary of Defense may enter into, and maintain,
7 an interagency agreement to carry out the program.

8 “(b) TERMS.—Such an agreement shall, in accord-
9 ance with this subchapter govern aspects of the program,
10 including the following:

11 “(1) The eligibility of a PHS officer to receive
12 a scholarship under the program.

13 “(2) The number of PHS officers who may re-
14 ceive a scholarship each year.

15 “(3) The authority of the Secretary of Health
16 and Human Services to deploy a PHS officer who
17 receives a scholarship under the program before
18 such PHS officer completes the term of obligated
19 service under this subchapter.

20 “(c) LIMITATION.—Nothing in such agreement may
21 transfer from the Secretary of Defense to the Secretary
22 or the Secretary of Health and Human Services any au-
23 thority to determine who may attend USU.

1 **“SEC. 7663. COSTS.**

2 “(a) ESTIMATES.—Before the beginning of each aca-
3 demic year—

4 “(1) the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
5 ices shall provide the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
6 with an estimate of the costs that the Secretary of
7 Veterans Affairs shall be obliged to reimburse the
8 Secretary of Health and Human Services under sub-
9 section (b) for the next fiscal year; and

10 “(2) the Secretary of Defense shall provide the
11 Secretary of Veterans Affairs with an estimate of
12 the costs that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
13 be obligated to reimburse the Secretary of Defense
14 under subsection (b) for the next fiscal year.

15 “(b) PAYMENT; RECONCILIATION.—(1) Each fiscal
16 year, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall pay the Sec-
17 retary of Health and Human Services the amount under
18 subsection (a)(1).

19 “(2) Each fiscal year, the Secretary of Veterans Af-
20 fairs shall pay the Secretary of Defense the amount under
21 subsection (a)(2).

22 “(3) If a payment made under this subsection does
23 not equal the actual relevant costs for the fiscal year, the
24 Secretary concerned shall refund the excess amount paid,
25 or supplement the shortfall, as applicable.

1 **“SEC. 7664. OBLIGATED SERVICE.**

2 “(a) **DETAIL.**—(1) Pursuant to section 214 of the
3 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 215), the Secretary
4 of Health and Human Services shall detail a PHS officer
5 who receives a scholarship under the program to the De-
6 partment of Veterans Affairs.

7 “(2) The length of such detail shall be sufficient for
8 the officer to complete—

9 “(A) attendance at USU described in section
10 7661 of this title;

11 “(B) an initial residency; and

12 “(C) a period of obligated service, not to exceed
13 ten years, in a medical facility of the Department of
14 Veterans Affairs.

15 “(b) **WRITTEN AGREEMENT.**—A PHS officer, the
16 Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the Secretary of Health
17 and Human Services shall enter into a written agreement
18 specifying the terms of such detail and the length period
19 of obligated service of such PHS officer.

20 “(c) **FAILURE TO COMPLETE PERIOD OF OBLIGATED**
21 **SERVICE.**—(1) A PHS officer who receives a scholarship
22 under the program and fails to complete the period of obli-
23 gated service shall reimburse the Secretary of Veterans
24 Affairs an amount equal to—

25 “(A) twice the total amount of the tuition and
26 expenses paid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs

1 to the Secretary of Defense arising the attendance
2 of such PHS officer at USU; and

3 “(B) twice the salary, allowances, and benefits
4 paid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Sec-
5 retary of Health and Human Services arising from
6 the detail under subsection (a).

7 “(2) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may waive re-
8 imbursement under paragraph (1) if the Secretary deter-
9 mines that such reimbursement would be inequitable or
10 would not be in the public interest.

11 **“SEC. 7665. DEFINITIONS.**

12 “In this subchapter:

13 “(1) The term ‘PHS officer’ means an officer
14 of the commissioned corps of the Public Health
15 Service.

16 “(2) The term ‘USU’ means the Uniformed
17 Services University of the Health Sciences.”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
19 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting,
20 after the item relating for section 7655, the following:

“SUBCHAPTER V-A—VETERANS AFFAIRS-PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE JOINT
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

“§ 7661. Establishment

“§ 7662. Interagency agreement

“§ 7663. Costs

“§ 7664. Obligated service

“§ 7665. Definitions”.

TITLE II

1

2 **SEC. 201. PROFESSIONAL NONPROFIT THEATER GRANTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title II of the Public Works and
 4 Economic Development Act of 1965 is amended by insert-
 5 ing after section 207 (42 U.S.C. 3147) the following:

6 **“SEC. 208. PROFESSIONAL NONPROFIT THEATER GRANTS.**

7 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
 8 lish a grant program, to be known as the ‘Professional
 9 Nonprofit Theater Grant Program’ (referred to in this
 10 section as the ‘program’), to provide to eligible entities
 11 funding for the purposes of—

12 “(1) supporting employment and economic re-
 13 covery;

14 “(2) stimulating economic development;

15 “(3) strengthening community-based arts orga-
 16 nizations; and

17 “(4) improving theater facilities.

18 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An entity eligible to receive
 20 a grant under the program is a nonprofit organiza-
 21 tion described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
 22 Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation
 23 under section 501(a) of that Code—

24 “(A) that produces or presents live theater
 25 and other performing arts;

1 “(B) that compensates all professional per-
2 formers and related or supporting professional
3 personnel at a rate that is not less than the
4 prevailing minimum compensation for persons
5 employed in similar activities as described in
6 section 5(m) of the National Foundation on the
7 Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 (20
8 U.S.C. 954(m));

9 “(C) that, prior to the date of application,
10 has not less than a 3-year history of program-
11 ming;

12 “(D)(i) that demonstrates a loss in gross
13 or net revenue, adjusted for inflation, as de-
14 fined by the Secretary; or

15 “(ii) that primarily serves historically
16 underserved communities, including popu-
17 lations whose opportunities to experience
18 the arts have been limited relative to geog-
19 raphy, economics, race or ethnicity, or dis-
20 ability;

21 “(E) that has no net earnings benefitting
22 a private stockholder or individual;

23 “(F) the primary purpose of which is the
24 nonprofit arts industry; and

1 “(G) that, during the 3-year period pre-
2 ceding the date of application, has not been
3 issued an administrative merits determination,
4 arbitral award or decision, or civil judgment, as
5 defined in regulations issued by the Secretary
6 of Labor, for any violation of—

7 “(i) the Fair Labor Standards Act of
8 1938 (29 U.S.C. 201 et seq.);

9 “(ii) the Occupational Safety and
10 Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 651 et
11 seq.);

12 “(iii) subchapter IV of chapter 31 of
13 title 40, United States Code (commonly
14 known as the ‘Davis-Bacon Act’);

15 “(iv) chapter 67 of title 41, United
16 States Code (commonly known as the
17 ‘Service Contract Act’);

18 “(v) Executive Order 11246 (42
19 U.S.C. 2000e note; relating to equal em-
20 ployment opportunity);

21 “(vi) section 503 of the Rehabilitation
22 Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 793);

23 “(vii) section 4212 of title 38, United
24 States Code;

1 “(viii) the Family and Medical Leave
2 Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.);

3 “(ix) title VII of the Civil Rights Act
4 of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq.);

5 “(x) title I of the Americans with Dis-
6 abilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12111 et
7 seq.);

8 “(xi) the Age Discrimination in Em-
9 ployment Act of 1967 (29 U.S.C. 621 et
10 seq.);

11 “(xii) Executive Order 13658 (79
12 Fed. Reg. 9851; relating to establishing a
13 minimum wage for contractors);

14 “(xiii) the Pregnant Workers Fairness
15 Act (42 U.S.C. 2000gg et seq.);

16 “(xiv) the National Labor Relations
17 Act (29 U.S.C. 151 et seq.); or

18 “(xv) any applicable State or local
19 labor or employment law, as defined in
20 regulations issued by the Secretary of
21 Labor.

22 “(2) DEFINITION OF 3-YEAR HISTORY OF PRO-
23 GRAMMING.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In this subsection, the
25 term ‘3-year history of programming’ means a

1 period of 3 or more years, consecutively or non-
2 consecutively, beginning before August 1, 2020,
3 during which the nonprofit organization pro-
4 vided programming.

5 “(B) INCLUSION.—In the case of a non-
6 profit organization that previously operated a
7 program as a part of another entity, the non-
8 profit organization may include in the 3-year
9 history of programming any arts programming
10 carried out by the nonprofit organization as
11 part of the other entity.

12 “(c) APPLICATIONS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a
14 grant under the program, an eligible entity shall
15 submit to the Secretary an application at such time,
16 in such manner, and containing such information as
17 the Secretary may require.

18 “(2) ASSISTANCE.—In the case of an eligible
19 entity with low organizational capacity, as deter-
20 mined by the Secretary, the Secretary may waive the
21 prohibition under section 213.

22 “(3) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—In any ap-
23 plication submitted under paragraph (1), an eligible
24 entity shall include an attestation to the Secretary
25 that during the term of the grant—

1 “(A) the eligible entity will not abrogate
2 existing collective bargaining agreements of em-
3 ployees of the eligible entity;

4 “(B) the eligible entity will remain neutral
5 regarding any labor organizing efforts by the
6 employees of the eligible entity;

7 “(C) the eligible entity will provide work-
8 place conditions that are sanitary and not haz-
9 ardous or dangerous to the health and safety of
10 an employee as provided under section 5(m) of
11 the National Foundation on the Arts and the
12 Humanities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 954(m));

13 “(D) the eligible entity will compensate all
14 professional performers and related or sup-
15 porting professional personnel at a rate that is
16 not less than the prevailing minimum com-
17 pensation for persons employed in similar ac-
18 tivities as described in section 5(m) of the Na-
19 tional Foundation on the Arts and the Human-
20 ities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 954(m)); and

21 “(E) the use of funds by the eligible entity
22 will contribute to providing or facilitating gain-
23 ful employment for professional performers and
24 related or supporting professional personnel.

1 “(d) ELIGIBLE USES.—A grant provided under the
2 program may be used for any of the following, subject to
3 the condition that the use will contribute to the long-term
4 economic viability of the eligible entity and the employ-
5 ment of professional performers and related or supporting
6 professional personnel:

7 “(1) Payroll costs for professional performers
8 and related or supporting professional personnel.

9 “(2) Rent, utilities, mortgage interest pay-
10 ments, scheduled interest payments on scheduled
11 debt and outstanding loans, administrative costs,
12 and other ordinary and necessary business and oper-
13 ating expenses, as determined by the Secretary.

14 “(3) Expenses associated with the fabrication of
15 scenery, costumes, and other elements for live theat-
16 rical productions.

17 “(4) Costs associated with the improvement, re-
18 pair, or maintenance of an existing facility housing
19 theatrical productions, projects, performances, work-
20 shops, or programs, with priority given to costs for
21 upgrades necessary for fully accessible workplaces
22 for professional performers and related or sup-
23 porting professional personnel with disabilities.

1 “(5) Marketing expenses to promote produc-
2 tions, projects, performances, workshops, programs,
3 or recruitment of staff and artists.

4 “(6) Investments in workforce development pro-
5 grams, including paid job training and retraining
6 programs related to the operation of professional
7 nonprofit theaters.

8 “(7) In the case of an eligible entity that has,
9 during the 3-year period preceding the date of appli-
10 cation, an average combined annual revenue and as-
11 sets of less than \$30,000,000, costs associated with
12 the construction or acquisition of a new facility to
13 house theatrical productions, projects, performances,
14 workshops, or programs.

15 “(8) Other uses, as determined by the Sec-
16 retary.

17 “(e) LIMITATIONS.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A grant provided under the
19 program shall not exceed an amount equal to the
20 lesser of—

21 “(A) 20 percent of the total expenditures
22 of the eligible entity during the most recent fis-
23 cal year; and

24 “(B) \$16,000,000.

1 “(2) NO REDUCTION OF PROFESSIONAL PER-
2 FORMERS.—An eligible entity may not use trainees,
3 interns, or other similar positions to displace, sub-
4 stitute for, supplant, or otherwise replace profes-
5 sional performers and related or supporting profes-
6 sional personnel.

7 “(f) PRIORITY.—In providing grants under the pro-
8 gram, the Secretary may give priority to—

9 “(1) an application from an eligible entity that
10 plans to allocate the majority of the grant funds for
11 uses described in subsection (d)(1); and

12 “(2) an application from an eligible entity that
13 serves as the primary theatrical venue for a geo-
14 graphical region.

15 “(g) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may use not
17 more than 1 percent of funds made available to
18 carry out the program to provide technical assist-
19 ance to eligible entities requiring assistance navi-
20 gating the Federal grants process.

21 “(2) PRIORITY.—In providing technical assist-
22 ance under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall give
23 priority to eligible entities that have not previously
24 received a Federal grant.

25 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
2 appropriated to the Secretary to carry out the pro-
3 gram \$1,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024
4 through 2028.

5 “(2) RESERVATIONS.—Of the amounts made
6 available under paragraph (1) for each fiscal year,
7 not less than 50 percent shall be reserved for eligible
8 entities that primarily produce theater.”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
10 contained in section 1(b) of the Public Works and Eco-
11 nomic Development Act of 1965 (Public Law 89–136; 79
12 Stat. 552; 112 Stat. 3597; 118 Stat. 1761) is amended
13 by inserting after the item relating to section 207 the fol-
14 lowing:

 “Sec. 208. Professional nonprofit theater grants.”.

15 **SEC. 202. STUDY ON SUSTAINING THE NONPROFIT ARTS**
16 **SECTOR.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
18 date of enactment of this Act, the President’s Committee
19 on the Arts and the Humanities, in consultation with the
20 Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts, the
21 Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Human-
22 ities, and the Director of the Institute of Museum and Li-
23 brary Services, shall conduct a study on Federal support
24 for the nonprofit arts sectors.

1 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-
2 section (a), the President’s Committee on the Arts and
3 the Humanities shall consider, and include recommenda-
4 tions regarding, the steps the Federal Government can
5 take to sustain the nonprofit arts sector and bolster the
6 economic impact of that sector for workers, small busi-
7 nesses, and communities, including rural and underserved
8 communities.

9 (c) STAKEHOLDER INPUT.—In conducting the study
10 under subsection (a), the President’s Committee on the
11 Arts and the Humanities shall solicit input from stake-
12 holders, including artists, nonprofit arts organizations and
13 employees of nonprofit arts organizations, small busi-
14 nesses, organized labor organizations representing workers
15 in the nonprofit arts sector, and State, local, and Tribal
16 governments.

17 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
18 of enactment of this Act, the President’s Committee on
19 the Arts and the Humanities shall—

20 (1) submit to Congress a report on the results
21 of the study conducted under subsection (a); and

22 (2) make the report publicly available.

23 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
24 authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 to carry out this
25 section.

TITLE III

1

2 **SEC. 301. LIMITATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—A cut flower or a cut green may
4 not be officially displayed in any public area of a building
5 of the Executive Office of the President or of the Depart-
6 ment of State or of the Department of Defense unless the
7 cut flower or cut green is produced in the United States.

8 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The limitation in
9 subsection (a) may not be construed to apply to any cut
10 flower or cut green used by a Federal officer or employee
11 for personal display.

12 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) CUT FLOWER.—The term “cut flower”
14 means a flower removed from a living plant for deco-
15 rative use.

16 (2) CUT GREEN.—The term “cut green” means
17 a green, foliage, or branch removed from a living
18 plant for decorative use.

19 (3) PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES.—The
20 term “produced in the United States” means grown
21 in—

22 (A) any of the several States;

23 (B) the District of Columbia;

24 (C) a territory or possession of the United
25 States; or

1 (D) an area subject to the jurisdiction of
2 a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

3 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall take effect on
4 the date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment
5 of this Act.

6 TITLE IV

7 SEC. 401. DEFINITIONS.

8 In this Act:

9 (1) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”
10 has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the
11 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
12 Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

13 (2) NATIVE AMERICAN SEED.—The term “Na-
14 tive American seed” means a seed of traditional or
15 cultural significance to an Indian Tribe.

16 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
17 the Secretary of the Interior.

18 (4) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term “Tribal
19 organization” has the meaning given the term in
20 section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
21 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

22 SEC. 402. PROTECTION OF NATIVE AMERICAN SEEDS.

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
24 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall work
25 with Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations to—

1 (1) determine which seeds are Native American
2 seeds; and

3 (2) support—

4 (A) efforts of Indian Tribes to protect Na-
5 tive American seeds;

6 (B) Native American seed banks and re-
7 lated facilities; and

8 (C) traditional agriculture systems of In-
9 dian Tribes that provide for the nurturing and
10 harvesting of Native American seeds.

11 (b) PROTECTION OF INFORMATION.—Notwith-
12 standing any other provision of law, the Secretary shall
13 not disclose or cause to be disclosed any information that
14 is—

15 (1) provided to the Secretary by an Indian
16 Tribe for the purposes of this Act; and

17 (2) identified by the Indian Tribe as culturally
18 sensitive, proprietary, or otherwise confidential.

19 **SEC. 403. JUDICIAL REVIEW.**

20 Notwithstanding section 706 of title 5, United States
21 Code, a court shall defer to the Secretary's reasonable in-
22 terpretation of any ambiguous provision of this Act.

23 **SEC. 404. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.**

24 No additional funds are authorized to carry out the
25 requirements of section 3, and the activities authorized by

1 section 3 are subject to the availability of appropriations
2 made in advance for such purposes.

3 **TITLE V**

4 **SEC. 501. EXTEND AND EXPAND THE DIRECT TO PHASE II** 5 **AUTHORITY.**

6 Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638)
7 is amended—

8 (1) by designating the text of subsection (cc) as
9 paragraph (1); and

10 (2) in subsection (cc)—

11 (A) by striking “2012 through 2025” and
12 inserting “2012 through 2030”;

13 (B) by striking “the National Institutes of
14 Health, the Department of Defense, and the
15 Department of Education may each” and in-
16 serting “each Federal agency required to carry
17 out an SBIR program may”; and

18 (C) by adding at the end the following new
19 paragraphs:

20 “(2) **LIMITATION.**—The total value of awards
21 provided by a Federal agency under this subsection
22 in a fiscal year shall be—

23 “(A) except as provided in subparagraph

24 (B), not more than 10 percent of the total

1 funds allocated to the SBIR program of the
2 Federal agency during that fiscal year; and

3 “(B) with respect to the National Insti-
4 tutes of Health, not more than 15 percent of
5 the total funds allocated to the SBIR program
6 of the National Institutes of Health during that
7 fiscal year.

8 “(3) REPORT.—Each head of a Federal agency
9 that exercises the authority under this subsection
10 shall include in the next report submitted by such
11 Federal agency under (g)(9) following such exercise
12 the number and amount of awards provided under
13 this subsection by such Federal agency in the period
14 covered by such report.”.

15 **SEC. 502. EXTEND COMMERCIALIZATION READINESS PRO-**
16 **GRAM FOR CIVILIAN AGENCIES.**

17 Section 9(gg) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
18 638(gg)) is amended—

19 (1) in the heading, by striking “PILOT” and in-
20 serting “CIVILIAN AGENCIES COMMERCIALIZATION
21 READINESS”;

22 (2) by striking “pilot program” each place it
23 appears and inserting “covered program”; and

24 (3) by striking “fiscal year 2025” and inserting
25 “fiscal year 2030”.

1 **SEC. 503. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN SBIR AND STTR PILOT**
2 **PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) PHASE 0 PROOF OF CONCEPT PARTNERSHIP
4 PROGRAM.—Section 9(jj)(7) of the Small Business Act
5 (15 U.S.C. 638(jj)(7)) is amended by striking “at the end
6 of fiscal year 2025” and inserting “on September 30,
7 2030”.

8 (b) COMMERCIALIZATION ASSISTANCE PILOT PRO-
9 GRAMS.—Section 9(uu)(3) of the Small Business Act (15
10 U.S.C. 638(uu)(3)) is amended by striking “September
11 30, 2025” and inserting “September 30, 2030”.

12 **TITLE VI**

13 **SEC. 601. DUTY TO REPORT.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Whenever an act of terrorism oc-
15 curs in the United States, the Secretary of Homeland Se-
16 curity, the Attorney General, the Director of the Federal
17 Bureau of Investigation, and, as appropriate, the head of
18 the National Counterterrorism Center, shall submit to the
19 appropriate congressional committees, by not later than
20 one year after the completion of the investigation con-
21 cerning such act by the primary Government agency con-
22 ducting such investigation, an unclassified report (which
23 may be accompanied by a classified annex) concerning
24 such act. Such unclassified report shall be posted on a
25 publicly available website of such primary Government
26 agency.

1 (b) CONTENT OF REPORTS.—A report under this sec-
2 tion shall—

3 (1) include a statement of the facts of the act
4 of terrorism referred to in subsection (a), as known
5 at the time of the report;

6 (2) identify any gaps in homeland or national
7 security that could be addressed to prevent future
8 acts of terrorism; and

9 (3) include any recommendations for additional
10 measures that could be taken to improve homeland
11 or national security, including recommendations re-
12 lating to potential changes in law enforcement prac-
13 tices or changes in law, with particular attention to
14 changes that could help prevent future acts of ter-
15 rorism.

16 (c) EXCEPTION.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary of Home-
18 land Security, the Attorney General, the Director of
19 the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or, as appro-
20 priate, the head of the National Counterterrorism
21 Center determines any information described in sub-
22 section (b) required to be reported in accordance
23 with subsection (a) could jeopardize an ongoing in-
24 vestigation or prosecution, the Secretary, Attorney
25 General, Director, or head, as the case may be—

1 (A) may withhold from reporting such in-
2 formation; and

3 (B) shall notify the appropriate congress-
4 sional committees of such determination.

5 (2) SAVING PROVISION.—Withholding of infor-
6 mation pursuant to a determination under para-
7 graph (1) shall not affect in any manner the respon-
8 sibility to submit a report required under subsection
9 (a) containing other information described in sub-
10 section (b) not subject to such determination.

11 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) ACT OF TERRORISM.—The term “act of ter-
13 rorism” has the meaning given such term in section
14 3077 of title 18, United States Code.

15 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
16 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
17 mittees” means—

18 (A) in the House of Representatives—

19 (i) the Committee on Homeland Secu-
20 rity;

21 (ii) the Committee on the Judiciary;

22 and

23 (iii) the Permanent Select Committee
24 on Intelligence; and

25 (B) in the Senate—

- 1 (i) the Committee on Homeland Secu-
2 rity and Governmental Affairs;
3 (ii) the Committee on the Judiciary;
4 and
5 (iii) the Select Committee on Intel-
6 ligence.

7 (e) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on the
8 date that is five years after the date of the enactment of
9 this Act.

10 **TITLE VII**

11 **SEC. 701. PROCUREMENT AND PLACEMENT OF STATUE OF** 12 **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN IN THE UNITED STATES** 13 **CAPITOL.**

14 (a) OBTAINING OF STATUE.—Not later than Decem-
15 ber 31, 2026, the Joint Committee on the Library shall
16 enter into an agreement to obtain a statue of Benjamin
17 Franklin, under such terms and conditions as the Joint
18 Committee considers appropriate consistent with applica-
19 ble law.

20 (b) PLACEMENT.—Not later than December 31,
21 2027, the Joint Committee shall place the statue obtained
22 under subsection (a) in a suitable permanent location in
23 the United States Capitol where the statue is accessible
24 to the public during a guided tour of the Capitol provided
25 by the Capitol Visitor Center.

TITLE VIII

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2 **SEC. 801. MEALS PROVIDED ON CERTAIN FISHING BOATS**3 **AND AT CERTAIN FISH PROCESSING FACILI-**4 **TIES NOT SUBJECT TO 50 PERCENT LIMITA-**5 **TION.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 274(n)(2)(C) of the Inter-
7 nal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “or”
8 at the end of clause (iv) and by adding at the end the
9 following new clause:

10 “(v) provided—

11 “(I) on a fishing vessel, fish proc-
12 essing vessel, or fish tender vessel (as
13 such terms are defined in section
14 2101 of title 46, United States Code),
15 or

16 “(II) at a fish processing facility
17 which is located in the United States
18 north of 50 degrees north latitude and
19 which is not located in a metropolitan
20 statistical area (within the meaning of
21 section 143(k)(2)(B)), or”.

22 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
23 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
24 December 31, 2026.

TITLE IX**SEC. 901. PROHIBITION ON AI-BASED IMPERSONATION OF
FEDERAL OFFICIALS.**

Section 912 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “Whoever” and inserting the following:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Whoever”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—Whoever knowingly uses artificial intelligence to impersonate, falsely assume or pretend to be an officer or employee of the United States, including by mimicking the voice or likeness of a Federal officer without an explicit disclaimer, and thereby produces materially false or misleading content shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than three years, or both. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit legitimate uses of artificial intelligence in satire, parody, or expressive conduct protected under the First Amendment, provided such content includes clear disclosure that it is not authentic and is not intended as such.

“(c) DEFINITION.—In this section—

“(1) the term ‘artificial intelligence’ means any system or software that performs tasks normally re-

1 time, in the same manner, and to the same extent
2 as in the case of any other rule of the House.

3 **TITLE XI**

4 **SEC. 1101. CODE OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT.**

5 In rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Rep-
6 resentatives, strike clause 3 and insert the following:

7 “3. A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, of-
8 ficer, or employee of the House may not receive compensa-
9 tion and may not permit compensation to accrue to the
10 beneficial interest of such individual from any source, the
11 receipt of which would occur by virtue of influence improv-
12 erly exerted from the position of such individual in Con-
13 gress.”.

14 **TITLE XII**

15 **SEC. 1201. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

16 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
17 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go-Act of 2010,
18 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
19 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
20 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
21 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-
22 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
23 vote on passage.

TITLE XIII

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2 **SEC. 1301. APPROPRIATIONS.**

3 The following sums are hereby appropriated, out of
4 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
5 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, and for
6 other purposes, namely:

7 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
8 SERVICES

9 NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

10 NATIONAL HEART, LUNG, AND BLOOD INSTITUTE

11 For an additional amount for necessary expenses for
12 carrying out section 301 and title IV of the Public Health
13 Service Act with respect to cardiovascular, lung, and blood
14 diseases, and blood and blood products, \$1,000,000.

15 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

16 RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

17 RURAL DEVELOPMENT

18 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

19 For an additional amount for the administration and
20 implementation of Rural Development programs, includ-
21 ing activities with institutions concerning the development
22 and operation of agricultural cooperatives, \$1,000,000.

1 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

2 BUREAU OF THE FISCAL SERVICE

3 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

4 For an additional amount for necessary expenses of
5 operations of the Bureau of the Fiscal Service,
6 \$1,000,000.

7 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

8 MILITARY PERSONNEL

9 MILITARY PERSONNEL, SPACE FORCE

10 For an additional amount of expenses for pay, allow-
11 ances, individual clothing, subsistence, interest on depos-
12 its, gratuities, permanent change of station travel, and ex-
13 penses of temporary duty travel between permanent duty
14 stations, for members of the Space Force on active duty
15 and cadets, \$1,000,000.

16 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

17 UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

18 COOPERATIVE ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSERVATION

19 FUND

20 For an additional amount of expenses necessary to
21 carry out section 6 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973
22 (16 U.S.C. 1535), \$1,000,000.

1 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

2 FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

3 RAILROAD RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

4 For an additional amount of expenses necessary for

5 railroad research and development, \$1,000,000.

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