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To direct the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration to establish a hotline to receive notifications of burdensome Government actions, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 2, 2025

Mr. CISNEROS (for himself, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Ms. SCHOLTEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

A BILL

To direct the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration to establish a hotline to receive notifications of burdensome Government actions, and for other purposes.

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 “Cut the Burden, Keep
5 the Benefits Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF HOTLINE.**

2 Section 203 of Public Law 94–305 (15 U.S.C. 634c)
3 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
4 section:

5 “(c) HOTLINE.—

6 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180
7 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
8 Chief Counsel for Advocacy shall—

9 “(A) operate and maintain an email ad-
10 dress to be known as the ‘Cut the Burden,
11 Keep the Benefits Hotline’ (in this subsection
12 referred to as the ‘Hotline’) to receive notifica-
13 tions from small businesses, small organiza-
14 tions, and small governmental jurisdictions re-
15 lating to Government actions affecting such
16 small businesses, small organizations, or small
17 governmental jurisdictions;

18 “(B) establish a website providing the
19 email address or including a submission form or
20 phone number in a manner that is easily acces-
21 sible; and

22 “(C) solicit information from small busi-
23 nesses, small organizations, and small govern-
24 mental jurisdictions related to Government ac-
25 tions, and when there is a notification related
26 to a rule that will have a significant economic

1 impact on a substantial number of small busi-
2 nesses, small organizations, or small govern-
3 mental jurisdictions, or any combination there-
4 of, consider regulatory alternatives that will
5 achieve the goal of the agency with respect to
6 such action while minimizing the burden on
7 such entities.

8 “(2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
9 date of the enactment of this subsection, and annu-
10 ally thereafter, the Chief Counsel for Advocacy shall
11 submit to the Administrator of the Small Business
12 Administration and Congress a report on the Hot-
13 line that includes—

14 “(A) the Government actions for which
15 Hotline notifications are most frequently re-
16 ceived, including the affected industry sectors
17 for such Government actions;

18 “(B) for each such Government action that
19 is a rule—

20 “(i) the dollar amount of the regu-
21 latory benefits of such rule as determined
22 by—

23 “(I) the Director of the Office of
24 Management and Budget in the most
25 recent report containing an analysis of

1 such rule submitted by the Director
2 under section 624 of the Treasury
3 and General Government Appropria-
4 tions Act of 2001 (Public Law 106–
5 554; 31 U.S.C. 1105 note); or

6 “(II) the agency that issued such
7 rule; and

8 “(ii) if the dollar amount described in
9 clause (i) is determined by the agency that
10 issued such rule, a description by the agen-
11 cy of the regulatory benefits of such rule in
12 qualitative or monetized terms;

13 “(C) for each such Government action that
14 is related to an Executive order or Presidential
15 proclamation that is related to tariffs—

16 “(i) the specific number of Hotline
17 notifications;

18 “(ii) a summary of the costs imposed
19 on small businesses, small organizations,
20 and small governmental jurisdictions, in-
21 cluding paperwork burdens and fees; and

22 “(iii) a summary of the actions taken
23 by the Chief Counsel to address each such
24 Government action;

1 “(D) a summary of all the Hotline notifi-
2 cations received, including, for each such Hot-
3 line notification, whether the notification is re-
4 lated to a rule or other Government action and
5 the geographic area and the type of organiza-
6 tion or affected industry from which the Hot-
7 line notification was sent;

8 “(E) an identification of—

9 “(i) each type of entity, disaggregated
10 by small businesses, small organizations,
11 small governmental jurisdictions, and rep-
12 resentatives of such entities, that sub-
13 mitted a Hotline notification, and the rule
14 for which each entity submitted such noti-
15 fication; and

16 “(ii) each Government action for
17 which such entity submitted a Hotline no-
18 tification;

19 “(F) recommendations for Government ac-
20 tions that minimize of such Government actions
21 the burden on small businesses, small organiza-
22 tions, and small governmental jurisdictions; and

23 “(G) a summary of actions taken by the
24 Chief Counsel to address the Government ac-
25 tions described in subparagraph (A) and the

1 Hotline notifications described in subparagraph
2 (D), including any such Government actions or
3 notifications for which the Chief Counsel sub-
4 mitted comments or analyses.

5 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

6 “(A) the term ‘Government action’ means
7 an action by the Federal Government, including
8 rules, Executive orders, statutes, regulations,
9 and Presidential proclamations; and

10 “(B) the terms ‘rule’, ‘small business’,
11 ‘small organization’, and ‘small governmental
12 jurisdiction’ have the meanings given such
13 terms, respectively, in section 601 of title 5,
14 United States Code.”.

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