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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

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

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

**“SUBCHAPTER V-A—VETERANS AFFAIRS-PUBLIC  
HEALTH SERVICE JOINT SCHOLARSHIP  
PROGRAM****“SEC. 7661. AUTHORITY.**

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

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

“(2) after graduating and completing an initial 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

### SEC. 201. PROFESSIONAL NONPROFIT THEATER GRANTS.

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

### “SEC. 208. PROFESSIONAL NONPROFIT THEATER GRANTS.

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

“(1) supporting employment and economic recovery;

“(2) stimulating economic development;

“(3) strengthening community-based arts organizations; and

“(4) improving theater facilities.

“(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—

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

“(A) that produces or presents live theater 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

## SEC. 301. LIMITATION.

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

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

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) CUT FLOWER.—The term “cut flower” means a flower removed from a living plant for decorative use.

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

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

(A) any of the several States;

(B) the District of Columbia;

(C) a territory or possession of the United 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 congres-  
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

## SEC. 801. MEALS PROVIDED ON CERTAIN FISHING BOATS AND AT CERTAIN FISH PROCESSING FACILITIES NOT SUBJECT TO 50 PERCENT LIMITATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 274(n)(2)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “or” at the end of clause (iv) and by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(v) provided—

“(I) on a fishing vessel, fish processing vessel, or fish tender vessel (as such terms are defined in section 2101 of title 46, United States Code), or

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

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after 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       quiring human intelligence, including generative  
2       models capable of producing human-like audio,  
3       video, or text; and

4               “(2) the term ‘impersonates’ means to falsely  
5       represent oneself as another identifiable individual,  
6       whether real or fictitious, in a manner reasonably  
7       likely to cause another person to believe the content  
8       is authentic.”.

## 9                               **TITLE X**

### 10   **SEC. 1001. HEARINGS.**

11       (a) IN GENERAL.—Each standing committee of the  
12   House of Representatives shall hold a hearing on the im-  
13   plementation of this Act within one year of enactment.

14       (b) EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—Sub-  
15   section (a) is enacted—

16               (1) as an exercise of rulemaking power of the  
17   House of Representatives, and, as such, shall be con-  
18   sidered as part of the rules of the House, and such  
19   rules shall supersede any other rule of the House  
20   only to the extent that rule is inconsistent therewith;  
21   and

22               (2) with full recognition of the constitutional  
23   right of either House to change such rules (so far  
24   as relating to the procedure in such House) at any

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 improp-  
 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.

1                                   **TITLE XIII**

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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