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2D SESSION

H. R. 8708

To direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration and the National Director of the Minority Business Development Agency to direct small business development centers and MBDA Business Centers to collaborate to better serve small business concerns, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2026

Ms. SCHOLTEN (for herself and Ms. PETTERSEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Main Street Business
3 Resource Integration and Development for Growth and
4 Equity Act” or “Main Street BRIDGE Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. COLLABORATION BETWEEN SMALL BUSINESS DE-**
6 **VELOPMENT CENTERS AND MBDA BUSINESS**
7 **CENTERS.**

8 (a) **COLLABORATION REQUIRED.**—Not later than
9 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Ad-
10 ministrator and the Secretary, acting through the Direc-
11 tor, shall direct small business development centers and
12 MBDA Business Centers, respectively, to collaborate to
13 better serve small business concerns.

14 (b) **REPORT.**—Not later than two years after the date
15 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator and the Direc-
16 tor shall jointly submit to Congress a report that includes
17 the following:

18 (1) A summary of the results of the collabora-
19 tion required under subsection (a).

20 (2) A description of the challenges faced by
21 small business development centers and MBDA
22 Business Centers in carrying out the collaboration
23 required under subsection (a).

24 (3) The number of consultations, educational
25 activities, and outreach activities performed by small
26 business development centers and MBDA Business

1 Centers in connection with the collaboration required
2 under subsection (a).

3 (4) The number of small business concerns
4 served as a result of the collaboration required under
5 subsection (a).

6 (5) The number of new small business concerns
7 started as a result of the collaboration required
8 under subsection (a).

9 (6) The number of new jobs created and exist-
10 ing jobs supported, in small business concerns, as a
11 result of the collaboration required under subsection
12 (a).

13 (7) The dollar amount of financial assistance
14 provided to small business concerns as a result of
15 assistance received from small business development
16 centers and MBDA Business Centers in connection
17 with the collaboration required under subsection (a).

18 (8) Any recommendations for enhancing col-
19 laboration between small business development cen-
20 ters and MBDA Business Centers.

21 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

22 In this Act:

23 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
24 trator” means the Administrator of the Small Busi-
25 ness Administration.

1 (2) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
2 the National Director of the Minority Business De-
3 velopment Agency.

4 (3) MBDA BUSINESS CENTER.—The term
5 “MBDA Business Center” has the meaning given
6 that term in section 100002(7) of the Minority Busi-
7 ness Development Act of 2021 (15 U.S.C. 9501(7)).

8 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of Commerce.

10 (5) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—The term
11 “small business concern” has the meaning given the
12 term under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15
13 U.S.C. 632).

14 (6) SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CEN-
15 TER.—The term “small business development cen-
16 ter” has the meaning given that term in section 3(t)
17 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(t)).

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