

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 577

To amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to expand access to capital for rural-area small businesses, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 13, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. WARNOCK) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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 “Expanding Access to
5 Capital for Rural Job Creators Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ACCESS TO CAPITAL FOR RURAL-AREA SMALL BUSI-**
7 **NESSES.**

8 Section 4(j) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
9 (15 U.S.C. 78d(j)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (4)(C), by inserting “rural-
2 area small businesses,” after “women-owned small
3 businesses,”; and

4 (2) in paragraph (6)(B)(iii), by inserting
5 “rural-area small businesses,” after “women-owned
6 small businesses,”.

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