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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

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This Act may be cited as the “Access to Capital Creates Economic Strength and Supports Rural America Act” or the “ACCESS Rural America Act”.

**SEC. 2. EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.**

Section 12(g)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 781(g)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(I) any security where—

“(i) the issuer of the security, during its previous fiscal year—

“(I) received support through the Federal universal service support mechanism for rural, insular, and high cost areas established under section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254); and

“(II) with respect to such fiscal year, not later than 120 days after the last day of such fiscal year, filed with the Commission a financial summary form that—

“(aa) the issuer also delivered to each holder of record; and

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“(AA) a summary of the consolidated balance sheet and consolidated income statement of the issuer; and

“(BB) such other financially material information as the Commission determines is necessary and appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors;

“(ii) as of the last day of the previous fiscal year of the issuer of the security, the security is held of record by—

“(I) more than 500 persons that are not accredited investors; and

“(II) fewer than 2,000 persons; and

“(iii) the issuer of the security has total assets of not more than \$10,000,000, which the Commission shall index for inflation every 5 years to reflect the change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, rounded to the nearest \$100,000.”.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I have one request for committee to meet during today’s session of the Senate. It has the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committee is authorized to meet during today’s session of the Senate:

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS**

The Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

**PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR**

Mr. RICKETTS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the following interns in my office be granted floor privileges until December, 6, 2024: Phoebe Coote and Emmanuel Ogundipe.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INITIATIVE ACT OF 2024**

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 366, S. 3738.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3738) to reauthorize the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. PADILLA. I ask unanimous consent that the Stabenow substitute amendment at the desk be considered and agreed to and that the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 3310) in the nature of a substitute was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2024” or the “GLRI Act of 2024”.

**SEC. 2. GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INITIATIVE REAUTHORIZATION.**

Section 118(c)(7)(J)(i)(VI) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1268(c)(7)(J)(i)(VI)) is amended by striking “fiscal year 2026” and inserting “each of fiscal years 2026 through 2031”.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

Mr. PADILLA. I know of no further debate on the bill, as amended.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

If not, the bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (S. 3738), as amended, was passed.

Mr. PADILLA. I ask that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**SECOND CHANCE REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2024**

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of S. 4477 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 4477) to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. PADILLA. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a

third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 4477) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 4477

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Second Chance Reauthorization Act of 2024”.

**SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING PROGRAMS.**

(a) STATE AND LOCAL REENTRY DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.—Section 2976 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10631) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (7), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in paragraph (8), by striking the period at the end; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(9) treating substance use disorders, including by providing peer recovery services, case management, and access to overdose education and overdose reversal medications; and

“(10) providing reentry housing services.”; and

(2) in subsection (o)(1), by striking “2019 through 2023” and inserting “2025 through 2029”.

(b) GRANTS FOR FAMILY-BASED SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT.—Section 2926(a) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10595a(a)) is amended by striking “2019 through 2023” and inserting “2025 through 2029”.

(c) GRANT PROGRAM TO EVALUATE AND IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL METHODS AT PRISONS, JAILS, AND JUVENILE FACILITIES.—Section 1001(a)(28) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10261(a)(28)) is amended by striking “2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023” and inserting “2025 through 2029”.

(d) CAREERS TRAINING DEMONSTRATION GRANTS.—Section 115(f) of the Second Chance Act of 2007 (34 U.S.C. 60511(f)) is amended by striking “2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023” and inserting “2025 through 2029”.

(e) OFFENDER REENTRY SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLABORATION PROGRAM.—Section 201(f)(1) of the Second Chance Act of 2007 (34 U.S.C. 60521(f)(1)) is amended by striking “2019 through 2023” and inserting “2025 through 2029”.

(f) COMMUNITY-BASED MENTORING AND TRANSITIONAL SERVICE GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.—Section 211(f) of the Second Chance Act of 2007 (34 U.S.C. 60531(f)) is amended by striking “2019 through 2023” and inserting “2025 through 2029”.

**FIREFIGHTER CANCER REGISTRY REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2023**

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from and the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 3821.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3821) to reauthorize the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2018.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. PADILLA. I further ask that the bill be considered read a third time.

The bill was ordered to a third reading and was read the third time.

Mr. PADILLA. I know of no further debate on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

If not, the bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (H.R. 3821) was passed.

Mr. PADILLA. I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ACCESS TO CAPITAL CREATES ECONOMIC STRENGTH AND SUPPORTS RURAL AMERICA ACT

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee be discharged from and the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 3242.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3242) to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to revise the shareholder threshold for registration under that Act for issuers that receive support through certain Federal universal service support mechanisms, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I further ask that the Baldwin substitute amendment, which is at the desk, be considered and agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed; and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 3311) in the nature of a substitute was agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

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##### SEC. 2. EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.

Section 12(g)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 781(g)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(I) any security where—

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"(II) with respect to such fiscal year, not later than 120 days after the last day of such fiscal year, filed with the Commission a financial summary form that—

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"(I) more than 500 persons that are not accredited investors; and

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The bill (S. 3242), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### VSO EQUAL TAX TREATMENT ACT

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 1432, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1432) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deductibility of charitable contributions to certain organizations for members of the Armed Forces.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill was ordered to a third reading and was read the third time.

Mr. PADILLA. I know of no further debate on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

If not, the bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (H.R. 1432) was passed.

Mr. PADILLA. I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### NATIONAL HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 910.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 910) designating November 2024 as "National Hospice and Palliative Care Month".

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. PADILLA. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 910) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of November 21, 2024, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### CONNECTED MATERNAL ONLINE MONITORING ACT

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be discharged from further consideration of S. 712 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 712) to identify and address barriers to coverage of remote physiologic devices under State Medicaid programs to improve maternal and child health outcomes for pregnant and postpartum women.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. PADILLA. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

Mr. PADILLA. I know of no further debate on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate on the bill, the bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (S. 712) was passed as follows:

S. 712

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

##### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Connected Maternal Online Monitoring Act" or the "Connected MOM Act".

##### SEC. 2. COVERAGE OF REMOTE PHYSIOLOGIC MONITORING DEVICES AND IMPACT ON MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH OUTCOMES UNDER MEDICAID.

(a) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall submit to Congress a report containing information on authorities and State practices for covering remote physiologic monitoring devices, including limitations and barriers to such coverage and the impact on maternal health outcomes, and to the extent appropriate, recommendations on how to address such limitations or barriers related to coverage of remote physiologic devices under State Medicaid programs, including, but not limited to, pulse oximeters,