

to provide long-term assurance for the program and lenders. Since then, there has been great progress: 143 lenders have registered as Community Advantage SBLCs. In 2024 alone, these lenders have already issued 1,100 loans totaling \$196 million to the most underserved small businesses with an average loan size of \$160,000.

Congress needs to build on these efforts by providing statutory permanency for Community Advantage, but the bill before us today goes in the opposite direction, potentially threatening the future of Community Advantage SBLCs because it makes no mention of how these licenses would be impacted by the statutory cap.

Congress must ensure that our most underserved small businesses have the resources they need to not just survive but to grow. That is why I will reintroduce the Community Advantage Loan Program Act, which will give permanent authorization to this program.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support our Nation's veteran, rural, and low-income entrepreneurs by voting "no" on this bill.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, I am not opposed to oversight. I am not opposed to having a real conversation about the future of SBA programs. I am opposed to legislation that leaves key questions unanswered and puts proven programs in jeopardy.

The Community Advantage program and the CA SBLCs have been a lifeline for thousands of small businesses, particularly in rural areas and for unbanked businesses.

They fill the gap that traditional lenders and larger 7(a) lenders won't. Small and new businesses often require small-dollar loans, not million-dollar loans. They simply need enough capital to get their business off the ground or finance modest expansions. That is why the CA SBLC lenders are so critical to growing our small business ecosystem.

The CA lenders have had bipartisan support for years, so why are my colleagues so afraid to include a provision of congressional intent to protect them from the cap? I just don't get it.

The Small Business Committee has always worked in a bipartisan manner, and here we are with a proven program that has had bipartisan support, and the Republicans with this legislation will put an end to CA SBLC.

We should be working together to support and expand the CA SBLC program, not passing vague bills that threaten to cut it off.

At a time when small businesses need more capital, more support, and more stability, this bill moves us in the wrong direction.

In sum, I oppose H.R. 2987 because it will not protect the Community Advantage program, which has a solid track record of providing smaller dol-

lar loans to thousands of women, veterans, rural, and underserved entrepreneurs.

At the appropriate time, I will offer a motion to recommit this bill back to the committee. If the House rules permitted, I would have offered the motion with an important amendment to this bill. My amendment will ensure the requirements of the bill shall not apply to Community Advantage SBLCs, and it prohibits implementation of the bill until the Administrator certifies to Congress that 7(a) loan originations will not decrease to unbanked small business borrowers operating in rural- or low-income markets.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert the text of my amendment into the RECORD immediately prior to the vote on the motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in voting for the motion to recommit and vote "no" on H.R. 2987.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 458, the previous question is ordered on the bill, as amended.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

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

#### MOTION TO RECOMMIT

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I have a motion to recommit at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion to recommit.

The Clerk read as follows:

Ms. Velázquez of New York moves to recommit the bill H.R. 2987 to the Committee on Small Business.

The material previously referred to by Ms. VELÁZQUEZ is as follows:

Ms. Velázquez of New York moves to recommit the bill H.R. 2987 to the Committee on Small Business with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith, with the following amendment:

Add at the end the following new sections:  
**SEC. 3. APPLICABILITY TO COMMUNITY ADVANTAGE SMALL BUSINESS LENDING COMPANIES.**

The requirements of section 2 shall not apply to a small business lending company (as defined in section 3(r) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(r))) that is operating as a Community Advantage Small Business Lending Company.

#### SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE; CERTIFICATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The requirements of section 2 shall take effect on the date on which the Administrator of the Small Business Administration certifies to Congress that the number of loans made under section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) to

unbanked small business borrowers operating in underserved markets will not decrease.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) RURAL.—The term "rural" means any county that the Bureau of the Census has defined as mostly rural or completely rural in the most recent decennial census.

(2) UNDERSERVED MARKET.—The term "underserved market" means—

(A) a low- to moderate-income community;

(B) a HUBZone, as that term is defined in section 31(b) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657a);

(C) a rural area;

(D) a community that has been designated as an empowerment zone or enterprise community under section 1391 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

(E) a community that has been designated as a qualified opportunity zone under section 1400Z-1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

(F) a community that has been designated as a promise zone by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; or

(G) an area for which more than 50 percent of the employees reside in a low- or moderate-income community.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX, the previous question is ordered on the motion to recommit.

The question is on the motion to recommit.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BICE) at 4 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

The motion to recommit H.R. 2931;

Passage of H.R. 2931, if ordered;

The motion to recommit H.R. 2987; and

Passage of H.R. 2987, if ordered.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

### SAVE SBA FROM SANCTUARY CITIES ACT OF 2025

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to recommit on the bill (H.R. 2931) to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to relocate certain offices of the Small Business Administration in sanctuary jurisdictions, and for other purposes, offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. CISNEROS), on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk will redesignate the motion.

The Clerk redesignated the motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to recommit.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 202, nays 210, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 152]

#### YEAS—202

Adams	Garcia (CA)	Neguse
Aguilar	Garcia (IL)	Ocasio-Cortez
Amo	Garcia (TX)	Olsewski
Ansari	Gillen	Omar
Balint	Golden (ME)	Pallone
Barragán	Goldman (NY)	Panetta
Beatty	Goodlander	Pappas
Bell	Gray	Pelosi
Bera	Green, Al (TX)	Perez
Beyer	Harder (CA)	Peters
Bishop	Hayes	Pettersen
Bonamici	Himes	Pingree
Boyle (PA)	Horsford	Pocan
Brown	Houlahan	Pou
Brownley	Hoyer	Pressley
Budzinski	Hoyle (OR)	Quigley
Bynum	Huffman	Ramirez
Carbajal	Ivey	Randall
Carson	Jackson (IL)	Raskin
Carter (LA)	Jackson (TX)	Riley (NY)
Casar	Jacobs	Rivas
Case	Jayapal	Ross
Casten	Jeffries	Ruiz
Castor (FL)	Johnson (GA)	Ryan
Castro (TX)	Johnson (TX)	Salinas
Cherfilus-	Kaptur	Sánchez
McCormick	Keating	Scanlon
Chu	Kelly (IL)	Scanlon
Cisneros	Kennedy (NY)	Schakowsky
Clark (MA)	Khanna	Schneider
Clarke (NY)	Krishnamoorthi	Scholten
Cleaver	Landsman	Schrier
Clyburn	Larson (CT)	Scott (VA)
Cohen	Latimer	Scott, David
Conaway	Lee (NV)	Sewell
Correa	Lee (PA)	Sherman
Costa	Leger Fernandez	Simon
Courtney	Levin	Smith (WA)
Craig	Liccardo	Sorensen
Crockett	Lieu	Soto
Crow	Lofgren	Stansbury
Cuellar	Lynch	Stanton
Davids (KS)	Magaziner	Stevens
Davis (IL)	Mannion	Strickland
Davis (NC)	Matsui	Suozzi
Dean (PA)	McBath	Swalwell
DeGette	McBride	Sykes
DeLauro	McClain Delaney	Takano
DeBene	McClellan	Thanedar
Deluzio	McCollum	Thompson (CA)
DeSaulnier	McDonald Rivet	Thompson (MS)
Dexter	McGarvey	Titus
Dingell	McGovern	Tokuda
Doggett	McIver	Tonko
Elfreth	Meeks	Torres (CA)
Escobar	Menendez	Torres (NY)
Espallat	Meng	Trahan
Evans (PA)	Mfume	Tran
Fields	Min	Underwood
Figures	Moore (WI)	Vargas
Fletcher	Morelle	Vasquez
Foster	Morrison	Veasey
Foushee	Moskowitz	Velázquez
Frankel, Lois	Mrvan	Vindman
Friedman	Mullin	Wasserman
Frost	Nadler	
Garamendi	Neal	

SchultzWaters  
Watson Coleman

Whitesides  
Williams (GA)

Wilson (FL)  
NAYS—210

#### NAYS—210

Aderholt	Garbarino	Messmer
Alford	Gill (TX)	Miller (IL)
Allen	Gimenez	Miller (OH)
Amodei (NV)	Goldman (TX)	Miller (WV)
Arrington	Gonzales, Tony	Mills
Babin	Gooden	Moolenaar
Bacon	Gosar	Moore (NC)
Baird	Graves	Moore (UT)
Balderson	Green (TN)	Moore (WV)
Barr	Greene (GA)	Murphy
Barrett	Griffith	Nehls
Baumgartner	Guest	Newhouse
Bean (FL)	Guthrie	Norman
Begich	Hageman	Nunn (IA)
Bentz	Hamadeh (AZ)	Oberholte
Bergman	Haridopolos	Ogles
Bice	Harrigan	Onder
Biggs (AZ)	Harris (MD)	Owens
Biggs (SC)	Harris (NC)	Palmer
Bilirakis	Harshbarger	Patronis
Boebert	Hern (OK)	Perry
Bost	Higgins (LA)	Pfleger
Brecheen	Hill (AR)	Reschenthaler
Bresnahan	Hinson	Rogers (AL)
Buchanan	Houchin	Rogers (KY)
Burchett	Hudson	Rose
Burlison	Huizenga	Rouzer
Calvert	Hunt	Roy
Cammack	Hurd (CO)	Rutherford
Carey	Issa	Salazar
Carter (GA)	Jack	Scalise
Carter (TX)	James	Schmidt
Ciscomani	Johnson (LA)	Schweikert
Cline	Johnson (SD)	Scott, Austin
Cloud	Jordan	Self
Clyde	Joyce (OH)	Sessions
Cole	Joyce (PA)	Shreve
Collins	Kean	Simpson
Crane	Kelly (MS)	Smith (MO)
Crank	Kelly (PA)	Smith (NE)
Crawford	Kennedy (UT)	Smith (NJ)
Crenshaw	Kiggans (VA)	Smucker
Davidson	Kiley (CA)	Spartz
De La Cruz	Kim	Staubert
DesJarlais	Knott	Steil
Diaz-Balart	Kustoff	Steube
Donalds	LaHood	Strong
Downing	LaLota	Stutzman
Dunn (FL)	LaMalfa	Taylor
Edwards	Langworthy	Tenney
Ellzey	Latta	Thompson (PA)
Emmer	Lawler	Tiffany
Estes	Letlow	Timmons
Evans (CO)	Loudermilk	Turner (OH)
Ezell	Lucas	Valadao
Fallon	Luna	Van Drew
Fedorchak	Luttrell	Van Dwyne
Feenstra	Mace	Van Orden
Fine	Mackenzie	Wagner
Finstad	Malliotakis	Walberg
Fischbach	Maloy	Weber (TX)
Fitzgerald	Mann	Webster (FL)
Fitzpatrick	Massie	Westerman
Fleischmann	Mast	Wied
Flood	McCaull	Williams (TX)
Fong	McClain	Wilson (SC)
Fox	McClintock	Wittman
Franklin, Scott	McCormick	Womack
Fry	McDowell	Yakym
Fulcher	McGuire	Zinke

#### NOT VOTING—20

Auchincloss	Larsen (WA)	Norcross
Comer	Lee (FL)	Rulli
Gomez	Meuser	Sherrill
Gonzalez, V.	Miller-Meeks	Stefanik
Gottheimer	Moore (AL)	Subramanyam
Grothman	Moran	Tlaib
Kamlager-Dove	Moulton	

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Messrs. KNOTT, MILLS, SIMPSON, SHREEVE, MURPHY, FALLON, and GREEN of Tennessee changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. DAVIS of Illinois, CASAR, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Messrs. LANDSMAN, CLEAVER, and THOMPSON of Mississippi changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was not present to vote on Roll Call Vote No. 152. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 152.

Stated against:

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, in a vital meeting—quick gavel. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 152.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. VELAZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 211, nays 199, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 153]

#### YEAS—211

Aderholt	Flood	Mackenzie
Alford	Fong	Maloy
Allen	Fox	Mann
Amodei (NV)	Franklin, Scott	Massie
Arrington	Fry	Mast
Babin	Garbarino	McCaull
Bacon	Gill (TX)	McClain
Baird	Gillen	McClintock
Balderson	Gimenez	McCormick
Barr	Golden (ME)	McDowell
Barrett	Goldman (TX)	McGuire
Baumgartner	Gonzales, Tony	Messmer
Bean (FL)	Gooden	Miller (IL)
Begich	Gosar	Miller (OH)
Bentz	Graves	Miller (WV)
Bergman	Green (TN)	Mills
Bice	Greene (GA)	Moolenaar
Biggs (AZ)	Griffith	Moore (NC)
Biggs (SC)	Grothman	Moore (UT)
Bilirakis	Guest	Moore (WV)
Boebert	Guthrie	Murphy
Bost	Hageman	Nehls
Brecheen	Hamadeh (AZ)	Newhouse
Bresnahan	Harrigan	Norman
Buchanan	Harris (MD)	Nunn (IA)
Burchett	Harris (NC)	Ogles
Burlison	Harshbarger	Onder
Calvert	Hern (OK)	Owens
Cammack	Higgins (LA)	Palmer
Carey	Hill (AR)	Patronis
Carter (GA)	Hinson	Perez
Carter (TX)	Houchin	Perry
Ciscomani	Hudson	Pfleger
Cline	Huizenga	Reschenthaler
Cloud	Hunt	Rogers (AL)
Clyde	Hurd (CO)	Rogers (KY)
Cole	Issa	Rose
Collins	Jack	Rouzer
Crane	Jackson (TX)	Roy
Crank	James	Rulli
Crawford	Johnson (LA)	Rutherford
Crenshaw	Johnson (SD)	Salazar
Cuellar	Jordan	Scalise
Davidson	Joyce (OH)	Schmidt
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Dunn (FL)	Kim	Smith (MO)
Ellzey	Knott	Smith (NE)
Emmer	Kustoff	Smith (NJ)
Estes	LaHood	Smucker
Evans (CO)	LaLota	Spartz
Ezell	LaMalfa	Staubert
Fallon	Langworthy	Steil
Fedorchak	Latta	Steube
Feenstra	Lawler	Strong
Fine	Letlow	Stutzman
Finstad	Loudermilk	Taylor
Fischbach	Lucas	Tenney
Fitzgerald	Luna	Thompson (PA)
Fitzpatrick	Luttrell	Tiffany
Fleischmann	Mace	Timmons