

**AMENDMENT TO**

**H.R. 8800 - NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027**

**OFFERED BY MS. RAMIREZ**

At the end of title XLVII add the following new section:

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall, at the election of a covered employee, reinstate any written agreement for telework between the Secretary and such covered employee that was—

- (1) in effect on January 20, 2025; and
- (2) terminated after such date.

(b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The term “covered employee” means an employee of a clinical contact center in a Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) (including an individual appointed under chapter 74 of title 38, United States Code).

(2) The term “telework” refers to a work flexibility arrangement under which an employee performs the duties and responsibilities of such employee’s position, and other authorized activities, from an approved worksite other than the location from which the employee would otherwise work.