

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-31**  
**OFFERED BY MRS. BEATTY OF OHIO**

At the end of division A, add the following new section:

**1 SEC. 10003. OFFICE OF OPPORTUNITY AND INCLUSION.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 6 months after  
3 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
4 Commerce shall establish an Office of Opportunity and In-  
5 clusion in the Department of Commerce, within the pro-  
6 gram established under section 9902 of the William M.  
7 (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for  
8 Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283), that shall be re-  
9 sponsible for carrying out this section using existing ap-  
10 propriated funds.

11 (b) DIRECTOR.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall be ap-  
13 pointed by, and shall report to, the Secretary or the  
14 designee of the Secretary. The position of Director  
15 shall be a career reserved position in the Senior Ex-  
16 ecutive Service, as that position is defined in section  
17 3132 of title 5, United State Code, or an equivalent  
18 designation.

1           (2) DUTIES.—The Director shall assist the Sec-  
2           retary by developing standards for—

3                   (A) assessing the eligibility of a covered  
4                   entity for financial assistance for a project as it  
5                   relates to section 9902(a)(2)(B)(ii)(II) and  
6                   (III) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry Na-  
7                   tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
8                   Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283);

9                   (B) ensuring a covered entity has carried  
10                  out the commitments of the covered entity to  
11                  economically disadvantaged individuals as de-  
12                  scribed in its application by the target dates for  
13                  completion set by the Secretary in section  
14                  9902(a)(5)(A) of such Act; and

15                  (C) increased participation of and outreach  
16                  to economically disadvantaged individuals, mi-  
17                  nority-owned businesses, veteran-owned busi-  
18                  nesses and women-owned businesses in the geo-  
19                  graphic area of a project under such section  
20                  9902 and serve as a resource for those individ-  
21                  uals, businesses, and covered entity.

22           (c) STAFF.—The Office of Opportunity and Inclusion  
23           shall be staffed at the appropriate levels to carry out the  
24           functions and responsibilities of the Office under this sec-

1 tion at least until 12 months after 95 percent of funds  
2 have been expended.

3 (d) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit to Con-  
4 gress and make publicly available on its website an annual  
5 report regarding the actions taken by the Department of  
6 Commerce and the Office under this section.

