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

SEC. 10003. OFFICE OF OPPORTUNITY AND INCLUSION.

(a) Establishment.—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce shall establish an Office of Opportunity and Inclusion in the Department of Commerce, within the program established under section 9902 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283), that shall be responsible for carrying out this section using existing appropriated funds.

(b) Director.—

(1) In general.—The Director shall be appointed by, and shall report to, the Secretary or the designee of the Secretary. The position of Director shall be a career reserved position in the Senior Executive Service, as that position is defined in section 3132 of title 5, United State Code, or an equivalent designation.
(2) DUTIES.—The Director shall assist the Secretary by developing standards for—

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

(B) ensuring a covered entity has carried out the commitments of the covered entity to economically disadvantaged individuals as described in its application by the target dates for completion set by the Secretary in section 9902(a)(5)(A) of such Act; and

(C) increased participation of and outreach to economically disadvantaged individuals, minority-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses and women-owned businesses in the geographic area of a project under such section 9902 and serve as a resource for those individuals, businesses, and covered entity.

(c) STAFF.—The Office of Opportunity and Inclusion shall be staffed at the appropriate levels to carry out the functions and responsibilities of the Office under this sec-
tion at least until 12 months after 95 percent of funds have been expended.

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