



**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. CARTER OF LOUISIANA**

Add at the end of subtitle E of title VIII the following:

1 **SEC. 8\_\_ . EXTENSION OF PARTICIPATION IN 8(A) PRO-**  
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—A covered small business concern  
4 may, subject to the regulations issued by the Adminis-  
5 trator of the Small Business Administration under sub-  
6 section (b), elect to extend the period in which such cov-  
7 ered small business concern participates in the program  
8 established under section 8(a) of such Act (15 U.S.C.  
9 637(a)) by one year.

10 (b) EMERGENCY RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—Not  
11 later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act,  
12 the Administrator of the Small Business Administration  
13 shall issue regulations to carry out this section without  
14 regard to the notice requirements under section 553(b) of  
15 title 5, United States Code.

16 (c) COVERED SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN DE-  
17 FINED.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—In this section, the term  
2           “covered small business concern” means a small  
3           business concern (as defined under section 3 of the  
4           Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632)) that—

5                   (A) participated in the program established  
6                   under section 8(a) of the Small Business Act  
7                   (15 U.S.C. 637(a)) at any point during the pe-  
8                   riod beginning on September 10, 2020, and  
9                   ending on the date of the enactment of this Act,  
10                  including a small business concern that grad-  
11                  uated during such period;

12                   (B) was not terminated or early graduated  
13                   from such program during such period; and

14                   (C) did not voluntarily elect to cease par-  
15                   ticipating in such program during such period  
16                   as an alternative to termination or early grad-  
17                   uation from such program, as determined by  
18                   the Administrator of the Small Business Ad-  
19                   ministration.

