AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8773, AS REPORTED OFFERED BY MS. WILLIAMS OF GEORGIA

Page 91, insert after line 23 the following:

1 ELECTION ADMINISTRATION GRANTS

2 For the establishment of a competitive grant program 3 to foster innovation, enhance processes and procedures, and improve the administration of Federal elections, 4 5 \$96,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 6 2026; of which not to exceed 2 percent shall remain avail-7 able until September 30, 2028, for the administration and oversight of grants awarded under this heading: Provided, 8 9 That the Election Assistance Commission shall, consistent with the purposes of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 10 11 (Public Law 107-252), award grants to States and eligible units of local government on a competitive basis for 12 13 projects that will have significant national, regional, or local impact in the improvement of the administration of 14 15 Federal elections through innovation, including, but not limited to, election administration; cybersecurity and au-16 17 dits; security of election officials and locations; accessi-18 bility for voters, including those with disabilities and other 19 specific access needs, and including vote-by-mail, voter 20 education, language proficiency, usability, and voter tech $\mathbf{2}$

nology; or other programs to enhance or reliably secure 1 2 processes and procedures in administering Federal elec-3 tions without meaningfully impairing access: Provided fur-4 ther, That for purposes of this appropriation, the term 5 "State" has the meaning given such term in section 901 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21141): 6 7 *Provided further*, That for purposes of this appropriation, 8 the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands shall 9 be deemed to be a State: *Provided further*, That for purposes of this appropriation, an eligible unit of local govern-10 ment is defined as a unit of local government with respon-11 12 sibility for the administration of Federal elections: Provided further, That a grant awarded under this heading 13 shall be for an amount not greater than \$10,000,000, and 14 15 shall be available for obligation by the State or eligible unit of local government through September 30, 2028: 16 *Provided further*, That not more than ten percent of the 17 total amount of funds made available under this heading 18 may be awarded to projects in a single State. 19

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