

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3898, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MRS. MCCLAIN DELANEY OF
MARYLAND**

Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . REINSTATEMENT AND CONTINUITY OF EPA SCI-**
2 **ENTIFIC CAPACITY.**

3 (a) OFFICE REINSTATEMENT.—The Administrator of
4 the Environmental Protection Agency shall restore the
5 functions, staffing, and operational capacity of the Office
6 of Research and Development and any other entity within
7 the Agency with related scientific functions, including the
8 Science Advisory Board, that has been diminished, reorga-
9 nized, or closed.

10 (b) CONTINUITY REQUIREMENT.—The Adminis-
11 trator shall ensure that each entity described in subsection
12 (a) remains an independent and permanent entity within
13 the Agency to—

14 (1) uphold scientific integrity and evidence-
15 based policy development;

16 (2) support national environmental standards
17 through research, modeling, and peer-reviewed anal-
18 ysis;

1 (3) provide technical guidance and assistance to
2 States, Tribes, and local governments; and

3 (4) coordinate interagency scientific input on
4 emerging environmental challenges.

5 (c) PROHIBITION ON ELIMINATION.—No entity de-
6 scribed in subsection (a) may be eliminated, restructured,
7 or reassigned in a manner inconsistent with its core sci-
8 entific mission and support role under the Federal Water
9 Pollution Control Act and other environmental statutes.

10 (d) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180
11 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and biennially
12 thereafter, the Administrator shall submit to Congress a
13 report detailing—

14 (1) the structure and staffing levels of each en-
15 tity described in subsection (a);

16 (2) the role of each such entity in supporting
17 Federal and State environmental programs; and

18 (3) the contributions of each such entity to reg-
19 ulatory science and technical assistance efforts.

