AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. WATERS OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of title VIII, add the following new section:

1 SEC. 845. PREFERENCE FOR POTENTIAL CONTRACTORS

THAT CARRY OUT CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.

In evaluating offers submitted in response to a solicitation for contracts, the Secretary of Defense shall provide a preference to any offeror that—

(1) enhances undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs in science, technology, engineering and math (in this section referred to as “STEM” disciplines);

(2) makes investments, such as programming and curriculum development, in STEM programs within elementary and secondary schools;

(3) encourages employees to volunteer in Title I schools in order to enhance STEM education and programs;

(4) makes personnel available to advise and assist faculty at such colleges and universities in the performance of STEM research and disciplines critical to the functions of the Department of Defense;
(5) establishes partnerships between the offeror and historically Black colleges and universities and minority institutions for the purpose of training students in scientific disciplines;

(6) awards scholarships and fellowships, and establishes cooperative work-education programs in scientific disciplines; or

(7) conducts recruitment activities at historically black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions or offers internships or apprenticeships.