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To amend the Small Business Act to improve programs for veterans, and for other purposes.

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Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. CANTWELL, and Ms. LANDRIEU) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

A BILL

To amend the Small Business Act to improve programs for veterans, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Military Reservist and
5 Veteran Small Business Reauthorization and Opportunity
6 Act of 2007”.

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act—

9 (1) the term “activated” means receiving an
10 order placing a Reservist on active duty;

1 (2) the term “active duty” has the meaning
2 given that term in section 101 of title 10, United
3 States Code;

4 (3) the terms “Administration” and “Adminis-
5 trator” mean the Small Business Administration
6 and the Administrator thereof, respectively;

7 (4) the term “Reservist” means a member of a
8 reserve component of the Armed Forces, as de-
9 scribed in section 10101 of title 10, United States
10 Code;

11 (5) the term “Service Corps of Retired Execu-
12 tives” means the Service Corps of Retired Execu-
13 tives authorized by section 8(b)(1) of the Small
14 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(b)(1));

15 (6) the terms “service-disabled veteran” and
16 “small business concern” have the meanings given
17 those terms in section 3 of the Small Business Act
18 (15 U.S.C. 632);

19 (7) the term “small business development cen-
20 ter” means a small business development center de-
21 scribed in section 21 of the Small Business Act (15
22 U.S.C. 648); and

23 (8) the term “women’s business center” means
24 a women’s business center described in section 29 of
25 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656).

1 **TITLE I—VETERANS BUSINESS**
2 **DEVELOPMENT**

3 **SEC. 101. INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF VET-**
4 **ERANS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
6 priated to the Office of Veterans Business Development
7 of the Administration, to remain available until ex-
8 pended—

9 (1) \$2,100,000 for fiscal year 2008;

10 (2) \$2,300,000 for fiscal year 2009; and

11 (3) \$2,500,000 for fiscal year 2010.

12 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
13 gress that any amounts provided pursuant to this section
14 that are in excess of amounts provided to the Administra-
15 tion for the Office of Veterans Business Development in
16 fiscal year 2007, should be used to support Veterans Busi-
17 ness Outreach Centers.

18 **SEC. 102. INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE.**

19 Section 32 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
20 657b) is amended by adding at the end the following:

21 “(d) INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE.—

22 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days
23 after the date of enactment of this subsection, the
24 President shall establish an interagency task force to
25 coordinate the efforts of Federal agencies necessary

1 to increase capital and business development oppor-
2 tunities for, and increase the award of Federal con-
3 tracting and subcontracting opportunities to, small
4 business concerns owned and controlled by service-
5 disabled veterans and small business concerns owned
6 and controlled by veterans (in this section referred
7 to as the ‘task force’).

8 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The members of the task
9 force shall include—

10 “(A) the Administrator, who shall serve as
11 chairperson of the task force;

12 “(B) a representative from—

13 “(i) the Department of Veterans Af-
14 fairs;

15 “(ii) the Department of Defense;

16 “(iii) the Administration (in addition
17 to the Administrator);

18 “(iv) the Department of Labor;

19 “(v) the General Services Administra-
20 tion; and

21 “(vi) the Office of Management and
22 Budget; and

23 “(C) 4 representatives of veterans service
24 organizations, selected by the President.

1 “(3) DUTIES.—The task force shall coordinate
2 administrative and regulatory activities and develop
3 proposals relating to—

4 “(A) increasing capital access and capacity
5 of small business concerns owned and controlled
6 by service-disabled veterans and small business
7 concerns owned and controlled by veterans
8 through loans, surety bonding, and franchising;

9 “(B) increasing access to Federal con-
10 tracting and subcontracting for small business
11 concerns owned and controlled by service-dis-
12 abled veterans and small business concerns
13 owned and controlled by veterans through in-
14 creased use of contract reservations, expanded
15 mentor-protégé assistance, and matching such
16 small business concerns with contracting oppor-
17 tunities;

18 “(C) increasing the integrity of certifi-
19 cations of status as a small business concern
20 owned and controlled by service-disabled vet-
21 erans or a small business concern owned and
22 controlled by veterans;

23 “(D) reducing paperwork and administra-
24 tive burdens on veterans in accessing business

1 development and entrepreneurship opportuni-
 2 ties; and

3 “(E) making other improvements relating
 4 to the support for veterans business develop-
 5 ment by the Federal Government.

6 “(4) REPORTING.—The task force shall submit
 7 an annual report regarding its activities and pro-
 8 posals to—

9 “(A) the Committee on Small Business
 10 and Entrepreneurship and the Committee on
 11 Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate; and

12 “(B) the Committee on Small Business
 13 and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the
 14 House of Representatives.”.

15 **SEC. 103. PERMANENT EXTENSION OF SBA ADVISORY COM-**
 16 **MITTEE ON VETERANS BUSINESS AFFAIRS.**

17 (a) ASSUMPTION OF DUTIES.—Section 33 of the
 18 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657c) is amended—

19 (1) by striking subsection (h); and

20 (2) by redesignating subsections (i) through (k)
 21 as subsections (h) through (j), respectively.

22 (b) PERMANENT EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.—Sec-
 23 tion 203 of the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small
 24 Business Development Act of 1999 (15 U.S.C. 657b note)
 25 is amended by striking subsection (h).

1 **TITLE II—NATIONAL RESERVIST**
2 **ENTERPRISE TRANSITION**
3 **AND SUSTAINABILITY**

4 **SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.**

5 This title may be cited as the “National Reservist
6 Enterprise Transition and Sustainability Act of 2007”.

7 **SEC. 202. PURPOSE.**

8 The purpose of this title is to establish a program
9 to—

10 (1) provide managerial, financial, planning, de-
11 velopment, technical, and regulatory assistance to
12 small business concerns owned and operated by Re-
13 servists;

14 (2) provide managerial, financial, planning, de-
15 velopment, technical, and regulatory assistance to
16 the temporary heads of small business concerns
17 owned and operated by Reservists;

18 (3) create a partnership between the Small
19 Business Administration, the Department of De-
20 fense, and the Department of Veterans Affairs to as-
21 sist small business concerns owned and operated by
22 Reservists;

23 (4) utilize the service delivery network of small
24 business development centers, women’s business cen-
25 ters, Veterans Business Outreach Centers, and cen-

1 ters operated by the National Veterans Business De-
2 velopment Corporation to expand the access of small
3 business concerns owned and operated by Reservists
4 to programs providing business management, devel-
5 opment, financial, procurement, technical, regu-
6 latory, and marketing assistance;

7 (5) utilize the service delivery network of small
8 business development centers, women’s business cen-
9 ters, Veterans Business Outreach Centers, and cen-
10 ters operated by the National Veterans Business De-
11 velopment Corporation to quickly respond to an acti-
12 vation of Reservists that own and operate small
13 business concerns; and

14 (6) utilize the service delivery network of small
15 business development centers, women’s business cen-
16 ters, Veterans Business Outreach Centers, and cen-
17 ters operated by the National Veterans Business De-
18 velopment Corporation to assist Reservists that own
19 and operate small business concerns in preparing for
20 future military activations.

21 **SEC. 203. NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE BUSINESS AS-**
22 **SISTANCE.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 21(a)(1) of the Small
24 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648(a)(1)) is amended by insert-
25 ing “any small business development center, women’s

1 business center, Veterans Business Outreach Center, or
 2 center operated by the National Veterans Business Devel-
 3 opment Corporation providing enterprise transition and
 4 sustainability assistance to Reservists under section 37,”
 5 after “any women’s business center operating pursuant to
 6 section 29,”.

7 (b) PROGRAM.—The Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
 8 631 et seq.) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating section 37 (15 U.S.C. 631
 10 note) as section 38; and

11 (2) by inserting after section 36 the following:

12 **“SEC. 37. RESERVIST ENTERPRISE TRANSITION AND SUS-**
 13 **TAINABILITY.**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall estab-
 15 lish a program to provide business planning assistance to
 16 small business concerns owned and operated by Reservists.

17 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

18 “(1) the terms ‘activated’ and ‘activation’ mean
 19 having received an order placing a Reservists on ac-
 20 tive duty, as defined by section 101(1) of title 10,
 21 United States Code;

22 “(2) the term ‘Administrator’ means the Ad-
 23 ministrator of the Small Business Administration,
 24 acting through the Associate Administrator for
 25 Small Business Development Centers;

1 “(3) the term ‘Association’ means the associa-
2 tion established under section 21(a)(3)(A);

3 “(4) the term ‘eligible applicant’ means—

4 “(A) a small business development center
5 that is accredited under section 21(k);

6 “(B) a women’s business center;

7 “(C) a Veterans Business Outreach Center
8 that receives funds from the Office of Veterans
9 Business Development; or

10 “(D) an information and assistance center
11 operated by the National Veterans Business
12 Development Corporation under section 33;

13 “(5) the term ‘enterprise transition and sus-
14 tainability assistance’ means assistance provided by
15 an eligible applicant to a small business concern
16 owned and operated by a Reservist, who has been
17 activated or is likely to be activated in the next 12
18 months, to develop and implement a business strat-
19 egy for the period while the owner is on active duty
20 and 6 months after the date of the return of the
21 owner;

22 “(6) the term ‘Reservist’ means any person who
23 is—

1 “(A) a member of a reserve component of
2 the Armed Forces, as defined by section 10101
3 of title 10, United States Code; and

4 “(B) on active status, as defined by section
5 101(d)(4) of title 10, United States Code;

6 “(7) the term ‘small business development cen-
7 ter’ means a small business development center as
8 described in section 21 of the Small Business Act
9 (15 U.S.C. 648);

10 “(8) the term ‘State’ means each of the several
11 States of the United States, the District of Colum-
12 bia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin
13 Islands, American Samoa, and Guam; and

14 “(9) the term ‘women’s business center’ means
15 a women’s business center described in section 29 of
16 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656).

17 “(c) **AUTHORITY.**—The Administrator may award
18 grants, in accordance with the regulations developed under
19 subsection (d), to eligible applicants to assist small busi-
20 ness concerns owned and operated by Reservists by—

21 “(1) providing management, development, fi-
22 nancing, procurement, technical, regulatory, and
23 marketing assistance;

1 “(2) providing access to information and re-
2 sources, including Federal and State business assist-
3 ance programs;

4 “(3) distributing contact information provided
5 by the Department of Defense regarding activated
6 Reservists to corresponding State directors;

7 “(4) offering free, one-on-one, in-depth coun-
8 seling regarding management, development, financ-
9 ing, procurement, regulations, and marketing;

10 “(5) assisting in developing a long-term plan
11 for possible future activation; and

12 “(6) providing enterprise transition and sus-
13 tainability assistance.

14 “(d) RULEMAKING.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator, in con-
16 sultation with the Association and after notice and
17 an opportunity for comment, shall promulgate regu-
18 lations to carry out this section.

19 “(2) DEADLINE.—The Administrator shall pro-
20 mulgate final regulations not later than 180 days of
21 the date of enactment of the Military Reservist and
22 Veteran Small Business Reauthorization and Oppor-
23 tunity Act of 2007.

1 “(3) CONTENTS.—The regulations developed by
2 the Administrator under this subsection shall estab-
3 lish—

4 “(A) procedures for identifying, in con-
5 sultation with the Secretary of Defense, States
6 that have had a recent activation of Reservists;

7 “(B) priorities for the types of assistance
8 to be provided under the program authorized by
9 this section;

10 “(C) standards relating to educational,
11 technical, and support services to be provided
12 by a grantee;

13 “(D) standards relating to any national
14 service delivery and support function to be pro-
15 vided by a grantee;

16 “(E) standards relating to any work plan
17 that the Administrator may require a grantee
18 to develop; and

19 “(F) standards relating to the educational,
20 technical, and professional competency of any
21 expert or other assistance provider to whom a
22 small business concern may be referred for as-
23 sistance by a grantee.

24 “(e) APPLICATION.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each eligible applicant de-
2 siring a grant under this section shall submit an ap-
3 plication to the Administrator at such time, in such
4 manner, and accompanied by such information as
5 the Administrator may reasonably require.

6 “(2) CONTENTS.—Each application submitted
7 under paragraph (1) shall describe—

8 “(A) the activities for which the applicant
9 seeks assistance under this section; and

10 “(B) how the applicant plans to allocate
11 funds within its network.

12 “(3) MATCHING NOT REQUIRED.—Subpara-
13 graphs (A) and (B) of section 21(a)(4), requiring
14 matching funds, shall not apply to grants awarded
15 under this section.

16 “(f) AWARD OF GRANTS.—

17 “(1) DEADLINE.—The Administrator shall
18 award grants not later than 60 days after the pro-
19 mulgation of final rules and regulations under sub-
20 section (d).

21 “(2) AMOUNT.—Each eligible applicant award-
22 ed a grant under this section shall receive a grant
23 in an amount—

24 “(A) not less than \$75,000 per fiscal year;
25 and

1 “(B) not greater than \$300,000 per fiscal
2 year.

3 “(g) REPORT.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of
5 the United States shall—

6 “(A) initiate an evaluation of the program
7 not later than 30 months after the disburse-
8 ment of the first grant under this section; and

9 “(B) submit a report not later than 6
10 months after the initiation of the evaluation
11 under paragraph (1) to—

12 “(i) the Administrator;

13 “(ii) the Committee on Small Busi-
14 ness and Entrepreneurship of the Senate;
15 and

16 “(iii) the Committee on Small Busi-
17 ness of the House of Representatives.

18 “(2) CONTENTS.—The report under paragraph
19 (1) shall—

20 “(A) address the results of the evaluation
21 conducted under paragraph (1); and

22 “(B) recommend changes to law, if any,
23 that it believes would be necessary or advisable
24 to achieve the goals of this section.

25 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
2 appropriated to carry out this section—

3 “(A) \$5,000,000 for the first fiscal year
4 beginning after the date of enactment of the
5 Military Reservist and Veteran Small Business
6 Reauthorization and Opportunity Act of 2007;
7 and

8 “(B) \$5,000,000 for each of the 3 fiscal
9 years following the fiscal year described in sub-
10 paragraph (A).

11 “(2) LIMITATION ON USE OF OTHER FUNDS.—
12 The Administrator may carry out the program au-
13 thorized by this section only with amounts appro-
14 priated in advance specifically to carry out this sec-
15 tion.”.

16 **TITLE III—RESERVIST**
17 **PROGRAMS**

18 **SEC. 301. RESERVIST PROGRAMS.**

19 (a) APPLICATION PERIOD.—Section 7(b)(3)(C) of the
20 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(3)(C)) is amended
21 by striking “90 days” and inserting “1 year”.

22 (b) PRE-CONSIDERATION PROCESS.—

23 (1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
24 “eligible Reservist” means a Reservist who—

25 (A) has not been ordered to active duty;

1 (B) expects to be ordered to active duty
2 during a period of military conflict; and

3 (C) can reasonably demonstrate that the
4 small business concern for which that Reservist
5 is a key employee will suffer economic injury in
6 the absence of that Reservist.

7 (2) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 6
8 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the
9 Administrator shall establish a pre-consideration
10 process, under which the Administrator—

11 (A) may collect all relevant materials nec-
12 essary for processing a loan to a small business
13 concern under section 7(b)(3) of the Small
14 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(3)) before an
15 eligible Reservist employed by that small busi-
16 ness concern is activated; and

17 (B) shall distribute funds for any loan ap-
18 proved under subparagraph (A) if that eligible
19 Reservist is activated.

20 (c) OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PRO-
21 GRAM.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months
23 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Adminis-
24 trator, in consultation with the Secretary of Vet-
25 erans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense, shall de-

1 velop a comprehensive outreach and technical assist-
2 ance program (in this subsection referred to as the
3 “program”) to—

4 (A) market the loans available under sec-
5 tion 7(b)(3) of the Small Business Act (15
6 U.S.C. 636(b)(3)) to Reservists, and family
7 members of Reservists, that are on active duty
8 and that are not on active duty; and

9 (B) provide technical assistance to a small
10 business concern applying for a loan under that
11 section.

12 (2) COMPONENTS.—The program shall—

13 (A) incorporate appropriate websites main-
14 tained by the Administration, the Department
15 of Veterans Affairs, and the Department of De-
16 fense; and

17 (B) require that information on the pro-
18 gram is made available to small business con-
19 cerns directly through—

20 (i) the district offices and resource
21 partners of the Administration, including
22 small business development centers, wom-
23 en’s business centers, and the Service
24 Corps of Retired Executives; and

1 (ii) other Federal agencies, including
2 the Department of Veterans Affairs and
3 the Department of Defense.

4 (3) REPORT.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6
6 months after the date of enactment of this Act,
7 and every 6 months thereafter until the date
8 that is 30 months after such date of enactment,
9 the Administrator shall submit to Congress a
10 report on the status of the program.

11 (B) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted
12 under subparagraph (A) shall include—

13 (i) for the 6-month period ending on
14 the date of that report—

15 (I) the number of loans approved
16 under section 7(b)(3) of the Small
17 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(3));

18 (II) the number of loans dis-
19 bursed under that section; and

20 (III) the total amount disbursed
21 under that section; and

22 (ii) recommendations, if any, to make
23 the program more effective in serving small
24 business concerns that employ Reservists.

1 **SEC. 302. RESERVIST LOANS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7(b)(3)(E) of the Small
3 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(3)(E)) is amended by
4 striking “\$1,500,000” each place such term appears and
5 inserting “\$2,000,000”.

6 (b) LOAN INFORMATION.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator and the
8 Secretary of Defense shall develop a joint website
9 and printed materials providing information regard-
10 ing any program for small business concerns that is
11 available to veterans or Reservists.

12 (2) MARKETING.—The Administrator is author-
13 ized—

14 (A) to advertise and promote the program
15 under section 7(b)(3) of the Small Business Act
16 jointly with the Secretary of Defense and vet-
17 erans’ service organizations; and

18 (B) to advertise and promote participation
19 by lenders in such program jointly with trade
20 associations for banks or other lending institu-
21 tions.

22 **SEC. 303. NONCOLLATERALIZED LOANS.**

23 Section 7(b)(3) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
24 636(b)(3)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

25 “(G)(i) Notwithstanding any other provi-
26 sion of law, the Administrator may make a loan

1 under this paragraph of not more than \$50,000
2 without collateral.

3 “(ii) The Administrator may defer pay-
4 ment of principal and interest on a loan de-
5 scribed in clause (i) during the longer of—

6 “(I) the 1-year period beginning on
7 the date of the initial disbursement of the
8 loan; and

9 “(II) the period during which the rel-
10 evant essential employee is on active
11 duty.”.

12 **SEC. 304. LOAN PRIORITY.**

13 Section 7(b)(3) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
14 636(b)(3)), as amended by this Act, is amended by adding
15 at the end the following:

16 “(H) The Administrator shall give priority
17 to any application for a loan under this para-
18 graph and shall process and make a determina-
19 tion regarding such applications prior to proc-
20 essing or making a determination on other loan
21 applications under this subsection, on a rolling
22 basis.”.

1 **SEC. 305. RELIEF FROM TIME LIMITATIONS FOR VETERAN-**
2 **OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES.**

3 Section 3(q) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
4 632(q)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(5) RELIEF FROM TIME LIMITATIONS.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any time limitation
7 on any qualification, certification, or period of
8 participation imposed under this Act on any
9 program available to small business concerns
10 shall be extended for a small business concern
11 that—

12 “(i) is owned and controlled by—

13 “(I) a veteran who was called or
14 ordered to active duty under a provi-
15 sion of law specified in section
16 101(a)(13)(B) of title 10, United
17 States Code, on or after September
18 11, 2001; or

19 “(II) a service-disabled veteran
20 who became such a veteran due to an
21 injury or illness incurred or aggra-
22 vated in the active military, naval, or
23 air service during a period of active
24 duty pursuant to a call or order to ac-
25 tive duty under a provision of law re-

1 ferred to in subclause (I) on or after
2 September 11, 2001; and

3 “(ii) was subject to the time limitation
4 during such period of active duty.

5 “(B) DURATION.—Upon submission of
6 proper documentation to the Administrator, the
7 extension of a time limitation under subpara-
8 graph (A) shall be equal to the period of time
9 that such veteran who owned or controlled such
10 a concern was on active duty as described in
11 that subparagraph.”.

12 **SEC. 306. SERVICE-DISABLED VETERANS.**

13 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
14 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
15 shall submit to the Committee on Small Business and En-
16 trepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee on Small
17 Business of the House of Representatives a report describ-
18 ing—

19 (1) the types of assistance needed by service-
20 disabled veterans who wish to become entrepreneurs;
21 and

22 (2) any resources that would assist such serv-
23 ice-disabled veterans.

1 **SEC. 307. STUDY ON OPTIONS FOR PROMOTING POSITIVE**
2 **WORKING RELATIONS BETWEEN EMPLOYERS**
3 **AND THEIR RESERVE COMPONENT EMPLOY-**
4 **EES.**

5 (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Defense
6 shall conduct a study on options for promoting positive
7 working relations between employers and Reserve compo-
8 nent employees of such employers, including assessing op-
9 tions for improving the time in which employers of Reserv-
10 ists are notified of the call or order of such members to
11 active duty other than for training.

12 (b) **REPORT.**—

13 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days
14 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
15 retary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate
16 committees of Congress a report on the study con-
17 ducted under subsection (a).

18 (2) **CONTENTS.**—The report submitted under
19 paragraph (1) shall—

20 (A) provide a quantitative and qualitative
21 assessment of—

22 (i) what measures, if any, are being
23 taken to inform Reservists of the obliga-
24 tions and responsibilities of such members
25 to their employers;

1 (ii) how effective such measures have
2 been; and

3 (iii) whether there are additional
4 measures that could be taken to promote
5 positive working relations between Reserv-
6 ists and their employers, including any
7 steps that could be taken to ensure that
8 employers are timely notified of a call to
9 active duty; and

10 (B) assess whether there has been a reduc-
11 tion in the hiring of Reservists by business con-
12 cerns because of—

13 (i) any increase in the use of Reserv-
14 ists after September 11, 2001; or

15 (ii) any change in any policy of the
16 Department of Defense relating to Reserv-
17 ists after September 11, 2001.

18 (c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
19 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
20 tees of Congress” means—

21 (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the
22 Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
23 of the Senate; and

1 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
2 Committee on Small Business of the House of Rep-
3 resentatives.

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