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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To amend the Small Business Act with respect to the
women's business center program.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Women’s Business
3 Centers Sustainability Act of 1999”.

4 **SEC. 2. PRIVATE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.**

5 Section 29 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656)
6 is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and
9 (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively; and

10 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
11 following:

12 “(2) the term ‘private nonprofit organization’
13 means an entity described in section 501(c) of the
14 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that is exempt from
15 taxation under section 501(a) of such Code;” and

16 (2) in subsection (b), by inserting “nonprofit”
17 after “private”.

18 **SEC. 3. INCREASED MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT AND RE-**
19 **VIEW OF WOMEN’S BUSINESS CENTERS.**

20 Section 29 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656)
21 is amended—

22 (1) by striking subsection (h) and inserting the
23 following:

24 “(h) PROGRAM EXAMINATION.—

25 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administration shall—

1 “(A) develop and implement procedures to
2 annually examine the programs and finances of
3 each women’s business center established pur-
4 suant to this section, pursuant to which each
5 such center shall provide to the
6 Administration—

7 “(i) an itemized cost breakdown of ac-
8 tual expenditures for costs incurred during
9 the preceding year; and

10 “(ii) documentation regarding the
11 amount of matching assistance from non-
12 Federal sources obtained and expended by
13 the center during the preceding year in
14 order to meet the requirements of sub-
15 section (c) and, with respect to any in-kind
16 contributions described in subsection (c)(2)
17 that were used to satisfy the requirements
18 of subsection (c), verification of the exist-
19 ence and valuation of those contributions;
20 and

21 “(B) analyze the results of each such ex-
22 amination and, based on that analysis, make a
23 determination regarding the viability of the pro-
24 grams and finances of each women’s business
25 center.

1 “(2) EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS.—In deter-
2 mining whether to extend or renew a contract with
3 a women’s business center, the Administration—

4 “(A) shall consider the results of the most
5 recent examination of the center under para-
6 graph (1); and

7 “(B) may withhold such extension or re-
8 newal, if the Administration determines that—

9 “(i) the center has failed to provide
10 any information required to be provided
11 under clause (i) or (ii) of paragraph
12 (1)(A), or the information provided by the
13 center is inadequate; or

14 “(ii) the center has failed to provide
15 any information required to be provided by
16 the center for purposes of the report of the
 Administration under subsection (j), or the