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To modify the microloan program of the Small Business Administration,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 2, 2019

Ms. DUCKWORTH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and
referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

A BILL

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Administration, 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 “Microloan Program
5 Enhancement Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. MICROLOAN PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7(m) of the Small Busi-
8 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 636(m)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (3)(C)—

1 (A) by striking “and \$6,000,000” and in-
 2 serting “, \$7,000,000, in the aggregate,”; and

3 (B) by inserting before the period at the
 4 end the following: “, and \$3,000,000 in any of
 5 those remaining years”;

6 (2) in paragraph (4)—

7 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “sub-
 8 paragraph (C)” each place that term appears
 9 and inserting “subparagraphs (C) and (G)”;

10 (B) in subparagraph (C)(i), by striking
 11 “subparagraph (A)” and inserting “subpara-
 12 graphs (A) and (G)”;

13 (C) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(G) GRANT AMOUNTS BASED ON APPRO-
 15 PRIATIONS.—In any fiscal year in which the
 16 amount appropriated to make grants under
 17 subparagraph (A) is sufficient to provide to
 18 each intermediary that receives a loan under
 19 paragraph (1)(B)(i) a grant of not less than 25
 20 percent of the total outstanding balance of
 21 loans made to the intermediary under this sub-
 22 section, the Administration shall make a grant
 23 under subparagraph (A) to each intermediary
 24 of not less than 25 percent and not more than

1 30 percent of that total outstanding balance for
2 the intermediary.”;

3 (3) in paragraph (8)—

4 (A) by striking “In approving” and insert-
5 ing the following:

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In approving”; and

7 (B) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(B) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Adminis-
9 trator shall, on an annual basis, submit to the
10 Committee on Small Business and Entrepre-
11 neurship of the Senate and the Committee on
12 Small Business of the House of Representa-
13 tives, and make publicly available on the
14 website of the Administration, a report on how
15 the Administration has met the requirements of
16 subparagraph (A).”; and

17 (4) in paragraph (10)—

18 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph

19 (A)—

20 (i) by striking “On November 1,
21 1995, the Administration shall” and in-
22 serting “The Administration shall, on an
23 annual basis,”;

1 (ii) by inserting “and make available
2 to the public on the website of the Admin-
3 istration” after “Representatives”; and

4 (iii) by striking “of the first 3 ½
5 years”;

6 (B) in subparagraph (F), by striking
7 “and” at the end;

8 (C) by redesignating subparagraph (G) as
9 subparagraph (I); and

10 (D) by inserting after subparagraph (F)
11 the following:

12 “(G) the number of small business con-
13 cerns that received a microloan that remain in
14 business after completing the final payment of
15 the microloan;

16 “(H) the number of jobs created and re-
17 tained by small business concerns after com-
18 pleting the final payment of the microloan;
19 and”.

20 (b) MINIMUM ALLOCATION.—Section 7(m) of the
21 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(m)) is amended by
22 striking paragraph (7) and inserting the following:

23 “(7) PROGRAM FUNDING FOR MICROLOANS.—

24 Under the program authorized by this subsection,

1 the Administration may fund, on a competitive basis,
2 not more than 300 intermediaries.”.

3 (c) PROGRAM LEVELS.—Section 20 of the Small
4 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 note) is amended by adding
5 at the end the following:

6 “(h) MICROLOAN PROGRAM.—The following program
7 levels are authorized for the microloan program under sec-
8 tion 7(m):

9 “(1) FISCAL YEAR 2020.—For the programs au-
10 thorized by this Act, the Administration is author-
11 ized to make, for fiscal year 2020—

12 “(A) \$80,000,000 in technical assistance
13 grants, as provided in section 7(m); and

14 “(B) \$110,000,000 in direct loans, as pro-
15 vided in section 7(m).

16 “(2) FISCAL YEAR 2021.—For the programs au-
17 thorized by this Act, the Administration is author-
18 ized to make, for fiscal year 2021—

19 “(A) \$80,000,000 in technical assistance
20 grants, as provided in section 7(m); and

21 “(B) \$110,000,000 in direct loans, as pro-
22 vided in section 7(m).

23 “(3) FISCAL YEAR 2022.—For the programs au-
24 thorized by this Act, the Administration is author-
25 ized to make, for fiscal year 2022—

1 “(A) \$80,000,000 in technical assistance
2 grants, as provided in section 7(m); and

3 “(B) \$110,000,000 in direct loans, as pro-
4 vided in section 7(m).”.

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