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H. R. 9721

To amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 to add whistleblower protections to certain modified contracts, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DE LA CRUZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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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 “Ensuring Access to
5 Whistleblower Protections Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOP-**
2 **MENT CONTRACTS.**

3 Section 828(b)(3) of the National Defense Authoriza-
4 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112–239; 126
5 Stat. 1841) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “At the time” and inserting the
7 following:

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—At the time”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 paragraph:

11 “(B) DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
12 URBAN DEVELOPMENT CONTRACTS.—

13 “(i) IN GENERAL.—At the time of any
14 covered modification to a contract that the
15 Secretary of Housing and Urban Develop-
16 ment has awarded before the date that is
17 180 days after the date of the enactment
18 of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and
19 Urban Development shall make best efforts
20 to include in the contract a contract clause
21 providing for the applicability of the
22 amendments made by this section to the
23 contract.

24 “(ii) COVERED MODIFICATION DE-
25 FINED.—In this subparagraph, the term

1 ‘covered modification’ means any modifica-
2 tion, including a modification relating to—

3 “(I) a contract option year;

4 “(II) a contract extension;

5 “(III) a contract renewal;

6 “(IV) a review for approval of or
7 execution of an annual contributions
8 contract;

9 “(V) a substantial deviation;

10 “(VI) a significant amendment;

11 or

12 “(VII) an annual cost or rent ad-
13 justment.”.

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