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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLS (for himself and Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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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 “Securing American
5 Firms and Expertise in Services Act” or the “SAFE Serv-
6 ices Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PREFERENCE FOR AMERICAN COMPANIES IN THE**
2 **PROCUREMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERV-**
3 **ICES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
6 shall revise the Department of Defense Supplement to the
7 Federal Acquisition Regulation to ensure that, to the max-
8 imum extent practicable and consistent with the interests
9 of national security, with respect to contracts for the pro-
10 curement of professional services, contracting officers give
11 a preference to offerors that are United States companies.

12 (b) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
14 may waive the requirement for a preference de-
15 scribed in subsection (a) with respect to a contract
16 if the Secretary determines that—

17 (A) adherence to the preference would pre-
18 vent the Department of Defense from meeting
19 an urgent operational requirement; or

20 (B) no United States company is capable
21 of fulfilling the requirements of the contract in
22 a timely or cost-effective manner.

23 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary of Defense
24 shall issue a waiver under this subsection in writing,
25 shall include a justification for the waiver, and shall
26 submit notice of such waiver to the congressional de-

1 fense committees not later than 30 days after
2 issuance of such waiver.

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The term “United States company”—

5 (A) means a business entity that—

6 (i) is organized under the laws of a
7 State, territory, or possession of the
8 United States or the District of Columbia;

9 (ii) has its principal place of business
10 in the United States; and

11 (iii) is not directly or indirectly owned
12 or controlled by a foreign entity; and

13 (B) includes a joint venture for which a
14 business entity described in subparagraph (A)
15 holds an ownership interest greater than or
16 equal to 50 percent.

17 (2) The term “professional services” includes
18 the following services:

19 (A) Engineering.

20 (B) Architecture.

21 (C) Design.

22 (D) Environmental consulting.

23 (E) Financial consulting.

24 (F) Program management.

25 (G) Legal.

- 1 (H) Other services as defined in the Fed-
- 2 eral Acquisition Regulation.

