

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1425**  
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**TEXAS**

Page 31, after line 23, insert the following new paragraph:

1           (5) Outreach and technical assistance activities  
2           to increase the participation of small businesses  
3           underrepresented in the SBIR and STTR programs,  
4           including identifying and sharing best practices and  
5           leveraging resources in support of such activities  
6           across agencies.

Page 61, line 11, strike “paragraph (2)” and insert “paragraph (3)”.

Page 63, lines 6 and 13, redesignate paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively.

Page 63, after line 5, insert the following new paragraph:

7           “(2) OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL ASSIST-  
8           ANCE.—  
9           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
10           subparagraph (B), a Federal agency partici-

1           pating in the program under this subsection  
2           shall use at least 0.5 percent of the funds allo-  
3           cated to the SBIR program of the Federal  
4           agency for outreach and technical assistance ac-  
5           tivities described in paragraph (1)(B) directed  
6           at one or more of the following:

7                   “(i) Small business concerns in geo-  
8                   graphic areas underrepresented in the  
9                   SBIR and STTR programs or located in  
10                  rural areas (as defined in section  
11                  1393(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code  
12                  of 1986).

13                  “(ii) Small business concerns owned  
14                  and controlled by women.

15                  “(iii) Small business concerns owned  
16                  and controlled by veterans.

17                  “(iv) Small business concerns owned  
18                  and controlled by minorities.

19                  “(v) Small business concerns located  
20                  in a geographic area with an unemploy-  
21                  ment rate that exceeds the national unem-  
22                  ployment rate.

23                  “(B) WAIVER.—

24                   “(i) APPLICATION.—A Federal agency  
25                  may submit an application to the Adminis-

1           trator to waive the requirement contained  
2           in subparagraph (A), which shall include  
3           an explanation of why the waiver is nec-  
4           essary and appropriate.

5           “(ii) WRITTEN DETERMINATION.—  
6           The Administrator shall make a written  
7           determination with respect to each applica-  
8           tion submitted under clause (i). If the Ad-  
9           ministratoer finds that the waiver applied  
10          for is necessary and appropriate, the Ad-  
11          ministratoer shall grant the waiver.

12          “(iii) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICA-  
13          TION.—The Administrator shall submit  
14          any written determination made under  
15          clause (ii) to the Committee on Small  
16          Business and Entrepreneurship of the Sen-  
17          ate, and to the Committee on Small Busi-  
18          ness and the Committee on Science, Space,  
19          and Technology of the House of Represent-  
20          atives, along with the application with re-  
21          spect to which the written determination  
22          applies.

