

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 399

To clarify the primary functions and duties of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 20, 2023

Mr. LUETKEMEYER (for himself and Mr. CARTER of Louisiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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 “Small Business Advo-
5 cacy Improvements Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO PRIMARY FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES**

7 **OF THE OFFICE OF ADVOCACY OF THE SMALL**
8 **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.**

9 (a) PRIMARY FUNCTIONS.—Section 202 of Public
10 Law 94–305 (15 U.S.C. 634b) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and the
2 international economy” after “economy”;

3 (2) in paragraph (9), by striking “complete”
4 and inserting “compete”; and

5 (3) in paragraph (12), by striking “serviced-dis-
6 abled” and inserting “service-disabled”.

7 (b) DUTIES.—Section 203(a) of Public Law 94–305
8 (15 U.S.C. 634e) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at the
10 end;

11 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at
12 the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

14 “(7) represent the views and interests of small
15 businesses before foreign governments and inter-
16 national entities for the purpose of contributing to
17 regulatory and trade initiatives which may affect
18 small businesses.”.

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