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# H. R. 9509

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VELÁZQUEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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## 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 “Extended Opportunity  
5 for Small Disadvantaged Businesses Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF 8(a) ELIGIBILITY PERIOD START**  
2 **DATE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7(j)(15) of the Small  
4 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(j)(15)) is amended in matter  
5 preceding subparagraph (A) by striking “from the date  
6 of its certification” and inserting the following: “from the  
7 earlier of the date on which such small business concern  
8 is first awarded a contract pursuant to such section or  
9 the date that is two years after the date of the certification  
10 of such small business concern”.

11 (b) CURRENT 8(a) PARTICIPANTS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date on  
13 which subsection (a) takes effect, section 7(j)(15) of  
14 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(j)(15)), as  
15 amended by such subsection, shall apply to a covered  
16 current 8(a) participant as if such section was in ef-  
17 fect on the date on which such covered current 8(a)  
18 participant began participating in the program es-  
19 tablished under section 8(a) of such Act (15 U.S.C.  
20 637(a)).

21 (2) COVERED CURRENT 8(a) PARTICIPANT.—In  
22 this subsection, the term “covered current 8(a) par-  
23 ticipant” means a small business concern that, as of  
24 the date on which subsection (a) takes effect—

1           (A) participates in the program established  
2           under section 8(a) of the Small Business Act  
3           (15 U.S.C. 637(a)); and

4           (B) has not been awarded a contract under  
5           such program.

6           (c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 6 months after  
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator  
8 of the Small Business Administration shall issue such reg-  
9 ulations as are necessary to implement the amendments  
10 made by subsection (a).

11          (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) shall take ef-  
12 fect on the date on which the Administrator of the Small  
13 Business Administration issues the regulations required  
14 by subsection (c).

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