

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 9609

To amend the Small Business Act to modify application deadlines and communication requirements for certain disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

Mr. NEGUSE (for himself and Mr. SIMPSON) 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. MODIFICATION TO APPLICATION DEADLINES**
4 **AND COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR**
5 **CERTAIN DISASTER ASSISTANCE.**

6 Section 7(b) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
7 636(b)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (4)—

1 (A) by adding at the end the following new
2 subparagraphs:

3 “(C) EXTENSION.—With respect to a
4 deadline established in subparagraph (A) for a
5 major disaster, the Administrator shall extend
6 such deadline for a period of 60 days.

7 “(D) ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS.—
8 The Administrator may accept an application
9 for disaster relief relating to a major disaster
10 under this paragraph at any time if the appli-
11 cant demonstrates good cause for the late sub-
12 mission.

13 “(E) PUBLIC AWARENESS.—The Adminis-
14 trator make efforts in addition to those efforts
15 required under paragraph (5) to communicate
16 to the public and to each office of a Member of
17 Congress that represents a district in which a
18 major disaster has occurred the requirements
19 relating to deadlines under subparagraphs (C)
20 and (D).”; and

21 (B) in subparagraph (B), in the matter
22 preceding clause (i), by striking “and the Com-
23 mittee on Small Business of the House of Rep-
24 resentatives” and inserting “, the Committee on
25 Small Business of the House of Representa-

1 tives, and each office of a Member of Congress
2 that represents a district in which a major dis-
3 aster has occurred”; and

4 (2) in paragraph (5), in the matter preceding
5 subparagraph (A), by inserting “and to commu-
6 nicate to each office of a Member of Congress that
7 represents a district in which a major disaster has
8 occurred,” after “web-based outlets,”.

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