

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4435
OFFERED BY MS. SPEIER OF CALIFORNIA

At the appropriate place in title VIII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 8 _____. SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS FOR SMALL BUSI-**
2 **NESS CONCERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED**
3 **BY WOMEN.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (m) of section 8 of the
5 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(m)) is amended by
6 adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

7 “(7) AUTHORITY FOR SOLE SOURCE CON-
8 TRACTS FOR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED
9 SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND CON-
10 TROLLED BY WOMEN.—A contracting officer may
11 award a sole source contract under this subsection
12 to any small business concern owned and controlled
13 by women meeting the requirements of paragraph
14 (2)(A) if—

15 “(A) such concern is determined to be a
16 responsible contractor with respect to perform-
17 ance of the contract opportunity;

18 “(B) the anticipated award price of the
19 contract (including options) will not exceed—

1 “(i) \$6,500,000, in the case of a con-
2 tract opportunity assigned a standard in-
3 dustrial code for manufacturing; or

4 “(ii) \$4,000,000, in the case of any
5 other contract opportunity; and

6 “(C) in the estimation of the contracting
7 officer, the contract award can be made at a
8 fair and reasonable price.

9 “(8) AUTHORITY FOR SOLE SOURCE CON-
10 TRACTS FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED
11 AND CONTROLLED BY WOMEN IN SUBSTANTIALLY
12 UNDERREPRESENTED INDUSTRIES.—A contracting
13 officer may award a sole source contract under this
14 subsection to any small business concern owned and
15 controlled by women that meets the requirements of
16 paragraph (2)(E) and is in an industry in which
17 small business concerns owned and controlled by
18 women are substantially underrepresented (as deter-
19 mined by the Administrator) if—

20 “(A) such concern is determined to be a
21 responsible contractor with respect to perform-
22 ance of the contract opportunity;

23 “(B) the anticipated award price of the
24 contract (including options) will not exceed—

1 “(i) \$6,500,000, in the case of a con-
2 tract opportunity assigned a standard in-
3 dustrial code for manufacturing; or

4 “(ii) \$4,000,000, in the case of any
5 other contract opportunity; and

6 “(C) in the estimation of the contracting
7 officer, the contract award can be made at a
8 fair and reasonable price.”.

9 (b) REPORTING ON GOALS FOR SOLE SOURCE CON-
10 TRACTS FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND
11 CONTROLLED BY WOMEN.—Clause (viii) of subsection
12 15(h)(2)(E) of such Act is amended—

13 (1) in subclause (IV), by striking “and” after
14 the semicolon;

15 (2) by redesignating subclause (V) as subclause
16 (VIII); and

17 (3) by inserting after subclause (IV) the fol-
18 lowing new subclauses:

19 “(V) through sole source con-
20 tracts awarded using the authority
21 under subsection 8(m)(7);

22 “(VI) through sole source con-
23 tracts awarded using the authority
24 under section 8(m)(8);

1 “(VII) by industry for contracts
2 described in subclause (III), (IV), (V),
3 or (VI); and”.

4 (c) DEADLINE FOR REPORT ON SUBSTANTIALLY
5 UNDERREPRESENTED INDUSTRIES ACCELERATED.—

6 Paragraph (2) of section 29(o) of such Act is amended
7 by striking “5 years after the date of enactment” and in-
8 serting “2 years after the date of enactment”.

