AMENDMENT TO COMMITTEE PRINT OFFERED BY MR. CICILLINE OF RHODE ISLAND

Page 26, after line 8, insert the following and redesignate subsequent paragraphs accordingly:

- 1 (5) in paragraph (4), by inserting after "under
- 2 this subsection" the following: "and to establish and
- 3 carry out an outreach program described in sub-
- 4 section (qq)".

Page 28, line 12, strike "(A) for awards" and insert the following: "(A)(i) for awards".

Page 28, line 16, strike "(B) to support" and insert the following: "(ii) to support".

Page 28, line 19, strike the period at the end and insert the following "; and".

Page 28, after line 29, insert the following:

- 5 "(B) to establish and carry out an out-
- 6 reach program described in subsection (qq).".

Add, at the end of the bill, the following:

| 1 | SEC. 505. OUTREACH PROGRAM. |
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| 2 | Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638), |
| 3 | as amended by this Act, is further amended by adding |
| 4 | at the end the following: |
| 5 | "(qq) Outreach Program.— |
| 6 | "(1) An outreach program described in this |
| 7 | subsection is a program that provides grants to |
| 8 | States for the purpose of outreach, financial sup- |
| 9 | port, and technical assistance to technology-based |
| 10 | small business concerns participating in or inter- |
| 11 | ested in participating in an SBIR program or STTR |
| 12 | program, including initiatives— |
| 13 | "(A) to make grants or loans to companies |
| 14 | to pay a portion or all of the cost of developing |
| 15 | SBIR or STTR proposals; |
| 16 | "(B) to establish or operate a mentoring |
| 17 | program to provide business advice and coun- |
| 18 | seling that will assist small business concerns |
| 19 | that have been identified by program managers |
| 20 | of participating SBIR agencies, the Administra- |
| 21 | tion, or other entities that are knowledgeable |
| 22 | about the SBIR and STTR programs as good |
| 23 | candidates for the SBIR and STTR programs |
| 24 | "(C) to create or participate in a training |
| 25 | program for individuals providing SBIR of |

| 1 . | STTR outreach and assistance at the State and |
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| 2 | local levels; and |
| 3 | "(D) to encourage the commercialization of |
| 4 | technology developed through funding under the |
| 5 | SBIR program or the STTR program. |
| 6 | "(2) The Administrator shall ensure that the |
| 7 | outreach program described in this subsection re- |
| 8 | ceives funds in accordance with subsections (y)(4) |
| 9 | and (hh)(1)(B).". |

