# Congress of the United States

H.S. House of Representatives Committee on Small Business 2361 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-6515

# **MEMORANDUM**

**TO**: Members of the Committee on Small Business

FROM: Committee Majority Staff

**DATE:** April 25, 2025

**RE**: Full Committee Markup

On Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 9:45 AM ET, the Committee on Small Business will meet in room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building to mark up the following measures:

- 1. H.R. 1163 Prove It Act of 2025
- 2. H.R. 2027 Returning SBA to Main Street Act
- 3. H.R. 2987 Capping Excessive Awarding of SBLC Entrants (CEASE) Act
- 4. H.R. 2931 Save SBA from Sanctuary Cities Act
- 5. H.R. 2968 Business Over Ballots Act
- **6.** H.R. 2965 Small Business Regulatory Reduction Act of 2025
- 7. H.R. 2966 American Entrepreneurs First Act

#### **Background**

#### 1. H.R. 1163 – Prove It Act of 2025

H.R. 1163, the Prove It Act of 2025, was introduced by Representative Brad Finstad (R-MN) on February 10, 2025. This bill has 12 cosponsors: Representatives Harriet Hageman (R-WY), Nathaniel Moran (R-TX), Maria Salazar (R-FL), Dan Meuser (R-PA), Zachary Nunn (R-IA), Bryan Steil (R-WI), Pete Stauber (R-MN), Mike Flood (R-NE), Michelle Fischbach (R-MN), Mike Carey (R-OH), Glenn Thompson (R-PA), and Jefferson Van Drew (R-NJ).

This bill allows small businesses to submit a petition to the Small Business Administration (SBA) Chief Counsel for Advocacy to review a proposed rule when an agency does not accurately account for the impact of a given proposed rule on small businesses. It also requires agencies to consider indirect costs when conducting a regulatory flexibility analysis, publish any follow-up guidance to the final rule online, and periodically review the final rule.

## 2. H.R. 2027 – Returning SBA to Main Street Act

H.R. 2027, the Returning SBA to Main Street Act, was introduced by Representative Mark Alford (R-MO) on March 11, 2025.

This bill requires the SBA to relocate at least 30 percent of the SBA workforce of the Washington, D.C. headquarters outside of the Washington metropolitan area.

# 3. H.R. 2987 – Capping Excessive Awarding of SBLC Entrants (CEASE) Act

H.R. 2987, the CEASE Act, was introduced by Representative Rob Bresnahan (R-PA) on April 24, 2025.

This bill limits the number of for-profit Small Business Lending Companies (SBLCs) licensed by the SBA to 16.

## 4. H.R. 2931 – Save SBA from Sanctuary Cities Act

H.R. 2931, the Save SBA from Sanctuary Cities Act, was introduced by Representative Brad Finstad (R-MN) on April 17, 2025.

This bill requires the SBA to relocate its offices out of "sanctuary cities."

#### 5. H.R. 2968 – Business over Ballots Act

H.R. 2968, the Business over Ballots Act, was introduced by Chairman Roger Williams (R-TX) on April 17, 2025. The bill has 12 cosponsors: Representatives Mark Alford (R-MO), Kimberlyn King-Hinds (R-MP-At Large), Beth Van Duyne (R-TX), Derek Schmidt (R-KS), Dan Meuser (R-PA), Jake Ellzey (R-TX), Tony Wied (R-WI), Brian Jack (R-GA), Troy Downing (R-MT), Robert Bresnahan (R-PA), Jimmy Patronis (R-FL), and Brad Finstad (R-MN).

This bill prohibits the SBA from engaging in voter registration activity and clarifies that the SBA's mission is to aid and assist small businesses.

#### 6. H.R. 2965 – Small Business Regulatory Reduction Act of 2025

H.R. 2965, the Small Business Regulatory Reduction Act of 2025, was introduced by Representative Beth Van Duyne (R-TX) on April 17, 2025. The bill currently has 1 cosponsor: Delegate Kimberlyn King-Hinds (R-MP-At Large).

The bill requires the SBA to minimize regulatory costs on small businesses, in addition to requiring the SBA Office of Advocacy to submit an annual report detailing the cost of Federal agency rulemaking to small businesses.

# 7. H.R. 2966 – American Entrepreneurs First Act

H.R. 2966, the American Entrepreneurs First Act, was introduced by Representative Beth Van Duyne (R-TX) on April 17, 2025. The bill has 1 cosponsor: Representative Michael Cloud (R-TX).

This bill requires citizenship verification for SBA loan applications to ensure that only legal, eligible applicants can access SBA programs.