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To amend the Small Business Act and the CARES Act to modify certain provisions related to the forgiveness of loans under the paycheck protection program, to allow recipients of loan forgiveness under the paycheck protection program to defer payroll taxes, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. PHILLIPS (for himself and Mr. ROY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Paycheck Protection
5 Program Flexibility Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. MATURITY FOR LOANS WITH REMAINING BALANCE**
2 **AFTER APPLICATION OF FORGIVENESS.**

3 Section 7(a)(36)(K)(ii) of the Small Business Act (15
4 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)) is amended by inserting “minimum
5 maturity of 5 years and a” before “maximum maturity”.

6 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO PAYCHECK PROTECTION PRO-**
7 **GRAM LOAN FORGIVENESS.**

8 (a) **EXTENSION OF COVERED PERIOD.**—Section
9 7(a)(36)(A)(iii) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
10 636(a)(36)(A)(iii)) is amended by striking “June 30,
11 2020” and inserting “December 31, 2020”.

12 (b) **FORGIVENESS.**—Section 1106 of the CARES Act
13 (Public Law 116–136) is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (3)
15 and inserting the following:

16 “(3) the term ‘covered period’ means, subject to
17 subsection (l), the period beginning on the date of
18 the origination of a covered loan and ending the ear-
19 lier of—

20 “(A) the date that is 24 weeks after such
21 date of origination; or

22 “(B) December 31, 2020;”;

23 (2) in subsection (d)—

24 (A) in paragraph (5)(B), by striking “June
25 30, 2020” each place it appears and inserting
26 “December 31, 2020”; and

1 (B) by adding at the end the following new
2 paragraphs:

3 “(7) EXEMPTION BASED ON EMPLOYEE AVAIL-
4 ABILITY.—During the period beginning on February
5 15, 2020, and ending on December 31, 2020, the
6 amount of loan forgiveness under this section shall
7 be determined without regard to a reduction in the
8 number of full-time equivalent employees if an eligi-
9 ble recipient—

10 “(A) is unable to rehire an individual who
11 was an employee of the eligible recipient on or
12 before February 15, 2020;

13 “(B) is able to demonstrate an inability to
14 hire similarly qualified employees on or before
15 December 31, 2020; or

16 “(C) is able to demonstrate an inability to
17 return to the same level of business activity as
18 such business was operating at prior to Feb-
19 ruary 15, 2020.

20 “(8) NO LIMITATIONS.—In carrying out this
21 section, the Administrator may not limit the non-
22 payroll portion of a forgivable covered loan
23 amount.”; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
25 section:

1 “(1) APPLICATION TO CERTAIN ELIGIBLE RECIPI-
2 ENTS.—An eligible recipient that received a covered loan
3 before the date of enactment of this subsection may elect
4 for the covered period applicable to such covered loan to
5 end on the date that is 8 weeks after the date of the origi-
6 nation of such covered loan.”.

7 **SEC. 4. DELAY OF PAYMENT OF EMPLOYER PAYROLL**
8 **TAXES.**

9 Section 2302(a) of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–
10 136) is amended by striking paragraph (3).

11 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY.**

12 The amendments made by this Act shall be effective
13 as if included in the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136)
14 and shall apply to any loan made pursuant to section
15 7(a)(36) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
16 636(a)(36)) or section 1109 of the CARES Act.