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H. R. 9586

To deliver priority legislation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 2, 2026

Mr. MCGOVERN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Small Business, Science, Space, and Technology, Natural Resources, Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, Energy and Commerce, Homeland Security, Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, Education and Workforce, Oversight and Government Reform, House Administration, Financial Services, Veterans' Affairs, Intelligence (Permanent Select), the Judiciary, Rules, Ethics, the Budget, and Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To deliver priority legislation.

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 “Delivering Priority
5 Legislation Act”.

TITLE I

**SEC. 101. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF ASSISTANCE
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE, OVERSIGHT, AND
CONTRACT PROCESSING COSTS FOR SBIR
AND STTR PROGRAMS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9(mm) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(mm)) is amended—

(1) by designating the text of paragraph (1) as subparagraph (A); and

(2) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through (L) as clauses (i) through (xii), respectively;

(B) by striking “September 30, 2025” and inserting “September 30, 2030”;

(C) by striking “3 percent” and inserting “3.3 percent”; and

(D) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(B) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 months after the date of the enactment of an Act providing appropriations for the Department of Defense, the Department of Energy, the Department of Health and

Human Services, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, or the National Science Foundation, the head of each such entity for which such Act provided appropriations shall transfer not less than 10 percent of the amount of the funds used for the purposes described in clauses (i) through (xii) of subparagraph (A) to the Administrator to increase the resources of the Administration for administering the SBIR and STTR programs.

“(ii) FUND USE LIMITS.—None of the funds transferred under clause (i) may be used for or with respect to any program established under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 661 et seq.).”.

(b) INCREASING PARTICIPATION OF UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS IN THE SBIR AND STTR PROGRAMS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 9(mm)(2) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(mm)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

“(2) OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—A Federal agency participating in the program under this subsection may use a portion of the

1 funds authorized for uses under paragraph (1) to
 2 carry out the policy directive required under sub-
 3 section (j)(2)(F) and to increase the participation of
 4 States with respect to which a low level of SBIR
 5 awards have historically been awarded.”.

6 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
 7 9(mm)(6) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
 8 638(mm)(6)) is amended by striking “including”
 9 and all that follows and inserting the following: “in-
 10 cluding—

11 “(A) the use of funds transferred under
 12 subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) for the uses
 13 authorized in such subparagraph and to achieve
 14 the objectives of paragraph (2); and

15 “(B) the use of other funds under this
 16 subsection to achieve such objectives.”.

17 **TITLE II**

18 **SEC. 201. EVERY KID OUTDOORS REAUTHORIZATION.**

19 Section 9001 of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conserva-
 20 tion, Management, and Recreation Act (Public Law 116–
 21 9; 16 U.S.C. 6804 note) is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (a)(5), by striking “or home-
 23 schooled learner 10” and inserting “or fifth grader
 24 or home-schooled learner who is 10 or 11”;

1 (2) in the heading for subsection (b)(2)(C), by
2 striking “IN GRADE FOUR”; and

3 (3) in subsection (b), by amending paragraph
4 (5) to read as follows:

5 “(5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

6 There is authorized to be appropriated for use by
7 the Secretaries in carrying out paragraph (3),
8 \$25,000,000 for each fiscal year to—

9 “(A) provide operational and staff support
10 for the program, including coordination for the
11 National Park Service to provide operational
12 and staff support in carrying out the activities
13 of the program;

14 “(B) promote the program and distribute
15 resources related to the program to schools,
16 youth-serving organizations, parents, and care-
17 givers;

18 “(C) provide transportation services re-
19 lated to the program to schools and youth-serv-
20 ing organizations with the greatest financial
21 needs; and

22 “(D) launch targeted outreach related to
23 the program for underserved communities and
24 children with disabilities.”.

TITLE III

SEC. 301. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL NUCLEAR FORENSICS CENTER.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The National Nuclear Security Administration Act (50 U.S.C. 2401 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 3221 the following new section:

“SEC. 3222. NATIONAL NUCLEAR FORENSICS CENTER.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is within the Administration a National Nuclear Forensics Center (in this section referred to as the ‘Center’).

“(b) MISSION.—The mission of the Center shall be to coordinate stewardship, planning, assessment, gap analysis, exercises, improvement, including operational improvements and research, development, testing, and evaluation, and integration for all Federal nuclear forensics and attribution activities to ensure an enduring national technical nuclear forensics capability to strengthen the collective response of the United States to nuclear terrorism or other nuclear attacks.”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents at the beginning of such Act is amended by in-

1 serting after the item relating to section 3221 the
2 following new item:

“Sec. 3222. National Nuclear Forensics Center.”.

3 (3) NUCLEAR FORENSICS EXPERTISE.—Not
4 later than one year after the date of the enactment
5 of this Act, the Administrator for Nuclear Security
6 shall develop and implement a plan to modify the
7 university program of the National Nuclear Security
8 Administration established under section 6338 of
9 title 10, United States Code, to include the develop-
10 ment of expertise in nuclear forensics in supporting
11 scientific and engineering advancement in key De-
12 partment of Energy defense and national security
13 program areas.

14 (b) CONFORMING REPEALS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Nuclear Forensics and
16 Attribution Act (Public Law 111–140) is hereby re-
17 pealed.

18 (2) HOMELAND SECURITY ACT OF 2002.—Title
19 XIX of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
20 U.S.C. 590 et seq.) is amended as follows:

21 (A) In section 1923—

22 (i) in subsection (a)—

23 (I) by striking “(a) MISSION.—”;

24 (II) in paragraph (9), by striking
25 the semicolon and inserting “; and”;

1 (III) by striking paragraphs (10),
2 (11), (12), and (13); and
3 (IV) by redesignating paragraph
4 (14) as paragraph (10); and
5 (ii) by striking subsection (b).

6 (B) In section 1927(a)(1) (6 U.S.C.
7 596a(a)(1))—

8 (i) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by strik-
9 ing the semicolon and inserting “; and”;
10 (ii) in subparagraph (B)(iii), by strik-
11 ing “; and” and inserting a period; and
12 (iii) by striking subparagraph (C).

13 (c) REFERENCES AND CONSTRUCTION.—Any ref-
14 erence in any law, regulation, document, paper, or other
15 record of the United States to the National Technical Nu-
16 clear Forensics Center established within the Countering
17 Weapons of Mass Destruction Office of the Department
18 of Homeland Security, formerly the Domestic Nuclear De-
19 tection Office, shall be deemed to be a reference to the
20 National Nuclear Forensics Center established by section
21 3222 of the National Nuclear Security Administration
22 Act, as added by subsection (a).

TITLE IV

SEC. 401. INTERMITTENT LEAVE UNDER THE FMLA.

(a) INTERMITTENT LEAVE.—Section 102(b) of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2612(b)) is amended in paragraph (1) by striking the first three sentences and inserting the following: “Subject to paragraph (2), paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (e), and subsection (f) of section 103 (as appropriate), leave under subsection (a)(1) or (a)(3) may be taken intermittently or on a reduced leave schedule.”.

(b) REMOVAL OF CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR INTERMITTENT LEAVE.—Section 103(b) of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2613(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3) by adding “and” at the end;

(2) in paragraph (4)(B), striking the semicolon at the end and inserting a period; and

(3) by striking paragraphs (5), (6), and (7).

TITLE V

SEC. 501. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.

It is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Housing and Federal Housing Commissioner should, acting through the Federal Housing Administration,

1 insure second mortgages under section 203 of the
2 National Housing Act for properties for which the
3 Federal Housing Administration has insured a first
4 mortgage, to facilitate the assumption of such first
5 mortgage by a subsequent purchaser of such prop-
6 erty;

7 (2) the Secretary of Agriculture should guar-
8 antee loans for eligible housing under section 502(h)
9 of the Housing Act of 1949 that are second mort-
10 gages if the Secretary of Agriculture insures the
11 loan that is the first mortgage against such eligible
12 housing, to facilitate the assumption of such first
13 mortgage by a subsequent purchaser of such eligible
14 housing; and

15 (3) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs should in-
16 sure and guarantee real estate housing loans secured
17 by second liens under subchapter I of chapter 37 of
18 title 38, United States Code, if the Secretary of Vet-
19 erans Affairs insures the first lien against such real
20 estate, to facilitate the assumption of the first mort-
21 gage against such real estate by a subsequent pur-
22 chaser of such real estate.

23 **SEC. 502. INSURANCE FOR SECONDARY MORTGAGES.**

24 (a) FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 201(a) of the Na-
2 tional Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1707(a)) is amend-
3 ed—

4 (A) by striking “a first mortgage” each
5 place it occurs and inserting “a first mortgage
6 or second mortgage”; and

7 (B) by striking “secured thereby.” and in-
8 serting the following: “secured thereby; and the
9 term ‘second mortgage’ means, with respect to
10 real estate against which there is a first mort-
11 gage that has been insured under section 203,
12 such classes of second liens as are commonly
13 given to secure advances on, or the unpaid pur-
14 chase price of, real estate, under the laws of the
15 State in which the real estate is located, to-
16 gether with the credit instrument, if any, se-
17 cured thereby”.

18 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 203
19 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1709) is
20 amended by striking “first mortgage” each place it
21 occurs and inserting “first mortgage or second mort-
22 gage”.

23 (b) DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—Section
24 3703(d)(3) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “first lien”
2 and inserting “first lien or second lien”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
4 paragraph:

5 “(C) A real estate housing loan may only
6 be secured by second lien if the Secretary in-
7 sures or guarantees the first lien on such real
8 estate.”.

9 **SEC. 503. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION ABOUT LOANS**
10 **GUARANTEED AND INSURED.**

11 (a) LOANS INSURED BY THE FEDERAL HOUSING AD-
12 MINISTRATION.—The Assistant Secretary for the Office of
13 Housing and the Federal Housing Commissioner shall, not
14 later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this
15 section, publish on a public website a list of all properties
16 for which the Federal Housing Administration has insured
17 a mortgage under section 203 of the National Housing
18 Act that includes the following information for each prop-
19 erty insured:

20 (1) The address of the property against which
21 there is a mortgage insured by the Federal Housing
22 Administration.

23 (2) The date of the origination of the mortgage
24 that is insured by the Federal Housing Administra-
25 tion.

1 (b) LOANS INSURED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRI-
2 CULTURE.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall, not later
3 than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this section,
4 publish on a public website a list of all properties for which
5 the Department of Agriculture has guaranteed loan under
6 section 502(h) of the Housing Act of 1949 that includes
7 the following information for each loan insured:

8 (1) The address of the property against which
9 there is a loan guaranteed by the Department of Ag-
10 riculture.

11 (2) The date of the origination of the loan that
12 is guaranteed by the Department of Agriculture.

13 (c) LOANS INSURED BY THE SECRETARY OF VET-
14 ERANS AFFAIRS.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
15 shall, not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment
16 of this section, publish on a public website a list of all
17 properties for which the Department of Veterans Affairs
18 has insured or guaranteed a housing loan under sub-
19 chapter I of chapter 37 of part III of title 38, United
20 States Code, that includes the following information for
21 each housing loan insured or guaranteed:

22 (1) The address of the property against which
23 there is a housing loan insured or guaranteed by the
24 Department of Veterans Affairs.

1 (2) The date of the origination of the housing
2 loan that is insured or guaranteed by the Depart-
3 ment of Veterans Affairs.

4 **TITLE VI**

5 **SEC. 601. CREDIT FOR HEARING AIDS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart A of part IV of sub-
7 chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of
8 1986 is amended by inserting after section 25D the fol-
9 lowing new section:

10 **“SEC. 25F. CREDIT FOR HEARING AIDS.**

11 “(a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—In the case of an in-
12 dividual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax
13 imposed by this chapter an amount equal to so much of
14 the amount paid during the taxable year, not compensated
15 by insurance or otherwise, by the taxpayer for the pur-
16 chase of any qualified hearing aid as does not exceed
17 \$1,000.

18 “(b) INCOME LIMITATION.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—No credit shall be allowed
20 under subsection (a) to any individual if the modi-
21 fied adjusted gross income of such individual ex-
22 ceeds—

23 “(A) \$300,000 in the case of a head of
24 household or a joint return, or

1 “(B) \$150,000 in the case of any other in-
2 dividual.

3 “(2) MODIFIED ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME.—
4 For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘modified
5 adjusted gross income’ means adjusted gross income
6 increased by any amount excluded from gross in-
7 come under section 911, 931, or 933.

8 “(c) QUALIFIED HEARING AID.—For purposes of
9 this section, the term ‘qualified hearing aid’ means a hear-
10 ing aid—

11 “(1) which is described in sections 874.3300
12 and 874.3305 of title 21, Code of Federal Regula-
13 tions, and is authorized under the Federal Food,
14 Drug, and Cosmetic Act for commercial distribution,
15 and

16 “(2) which is intended for use—

17 “(A) by the taxpayer, or

18 “(B) by an individual with respect to
19 whom the taxpayer, for the taxable year, is al-
20 lowed a deduction under section 151(c) (relat-
21 ing to deduction for personal exemptions for de-
22 pendents).

23 “(d) ELECTION ONCE EVERY 5 YEARS.—This sec-
24 tion shall apply with respect to any individual for any tax-
25 able year only if there is an election in effect with respect

1 to such individual (at such time and in such manner as
 2 the Secretary may by regulations prescribe) to have this
 3 section apply for such taxable year. An election to have
 4 this section apply with respect to any individual may not
 5 be made for any taxable year if such an election is in effect
 6 with respect to such individual for any of the 4 taxable
 7 years preceding such taxable year.

8 “(e) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—No credit shall
 9 be allowed under subsection (a) for any expense for which
 10 a deduction or credit is allowed under any other provision
 11 of this chapter.”.

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 13 for subpart A of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1
 14 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by in-
 15 serting after the item relating to section 25D the following
 16 new item:

“Sec. 25F. Credit for hearing aids.”.

17 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 18 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
 19 December 31, 2026.

20 **TITLE VII**

21 **SEC. 701. FINDINGS.**

22 Congress finds the following:

23 (1) Artificial intelligence systems developed by
 24 the People’s Republic of China may embed strategic,

1 ideological, or discriminatory biases that reflect the
2 political or military objectives of China.

3 (2) A National Intelligence Estimate is needed
4 to evaluate the risks these systems pose to United
5 States national security and democratic institutions.

6 **SEC. 702. NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE ON CHINESE**
7 **AI SYSTEMS.**

8 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
9 the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of National
10 Intelligence shall submit to Congress a National Intel-
11 ligence Estimate on artificial intelligence systems devel-
12 oped or deployed by entities in the People’s Republic of
13 China.

14 (b) ELEMENTS.—The National Intelligence Estimate
15 required under subsection (a) shall include—

16 (1) an evaluation of whether and to what extent
17 China-developed commercial AI systems exhibit em-
18 bedded algorithmic bias, including targeting or dis-
19 criminatory logic based on ethnicity, religion, polit-
20 ical views, or nationality;

21 (2) an analysis of the training data sources,
22 model architectures, and intended use cases of such
23 systems;

24 (3) an assessment of potential use of such AI
25 systems for foreign influence operations, surveil-

1 lance, or information manipulation targeting the
2 United States or its allies;

3 (4) identification of risks posed by the global
4 proliferation of these systems to democratic norms,
5 civil liberties, and military decision-making; and

6 (5) recommendations for how the intelligence
7 community and United States allies should monitor,
8 assess, and counter malign uses of Chinese AI tech-
9 nology.

10 (c) COORDINATION.—In preparing the National In-
11 telligence Estimate under subsection (a), the Director
12 shall coordinate with the heads of relevant elements of the
13 intelligence community, including the Director of the Na-
14 tional Security Agency and the Director of the Defense
15 Intelligence Agency.

16 (d) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE DEFINED.—In this
17 section, the terms “artificial intelligence” and “AI” mean
18 any system, algorithm, software, or model, including those
19 that are commercially available, that performs tasks re-
20 quiring human-like cognition, including perception, pre-
21 diction, autonomous decision-making, natural language
22 understanding, or control of physical or digital systems.

TITLE VIII

2 SEC. 801. PROHIBITION.

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 29 of title 18, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “§ 612. Establishment of corporation to conceal elec-
7 tion contributions and donations by for-
8 eign nationals

9 “(a) OFFENSE.—It shall be unlawful for an owner,
10 officer, attorney, or incorporation agent of a corporation,
11 company, or other entity to establish or use the corpora-
12 tion, company, or other entity with the intent to conceal
13 an activity of a foreign national (as defined in section 319
14 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C.
15 30121)) prohibited under such section 319.

16 “(b) PENALTY.—Any person who violates subsection
17 (a) shall be imprisoned for not more than 5 years, fined
18 under this title, or both.”.

19 (b) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections for
20 chapter 29 of title 18, United States Code, is amended
21 by inserting after the item relating to section 611 the fol-
22 lowing:

“612. Establishment of corporation to conceal election contribu-
tions by foreign nationals.”.

TITLE IX

SEC. 901. HEARINGS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Each standing committee of the House of Representatives shall hold a hearing on the implementation of this Act within one year of enactment.

(b) EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—Subsection (a) is enacted—

(1) as an exercise of rulemaking power of the House of Representatives, and, as such, shall be considered as part of the rules of the House, and such rules shall supersede any other rule of the House only to the extent that rule is inconsistent therewith; and

(2) with full recognition of the constitutional right of either House to change such rules (so far as relating to the procedure in such House) at any time, in the same manner, and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of the House.

TITLE X

SEC. 1001. CODE OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT.

In rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, strike clause 2 and insert the following:

“2. A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House shall adhere to the spirit

1 and the letter of the Rules of the House and to the rules
2 of duly constituted committees thereof.”.

3 **TITLE XI**

4 **SEC. 1101. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

5 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
6 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go-Act of 2010,
7 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
8 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
9 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
10 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-
11 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
12 vote on passage.

13 **TITLE XII**

14 **SEC. 1201. APPROPRIATIONS.**

15 The following sums are hereby appropriated, out of
16 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
17 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, and for
18 other purposes, namely:

19 MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

20 SALARY AND EXPENSES

21 For an additional amount for necessary expenses for
22 carrying out section 1900 of the Social Security Act,
23 \$1,000,000.

1 JOINT ITEMS

2 JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

3 For an additional amount for salaries and expenses
4 of the Joint Economic Committee, \$1,000,000, to be dis-
5 bursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House
6 of Representatives, and to remain available until ex-
7 pended.

8 FINANCIAL CRIMES ENFORCEMENT NETWORK

9 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

10 For an additional amount for necessary expenses,
11 \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended.

12 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

13 MILITARY PERSONNEL, SPACE FORCE

14 For an additional amount of expenses, not otherwise
15 provided for, necessary for the pay and other expenses re-
16 lated to the military personnel of the Space Force,
17 \$1,000,000.

18 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

19 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

20 For an additional amount of expenses necessary for
21 science and technology, including research and develop-
22 ment activities, at the Environmental Protection Agency,
23 \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended.

- 1 DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
- 2 ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY—ENERGY
- 3 For an additional amount for necessary expenses,
- 4 \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended.

