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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2965, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. LEE OF NEW YORK**

Page 4, immediately before line 1, insert:

1 (c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the
2 Congress that—

3 (1) any changes to the eligibility qualification
4 for the Small Business Innovation Research
5 Program and the Small Business Technology
6 Transfer Program do not change the overall mission
7 of these programs;

8 (2) the original intent of such programs was to
9 provide Federal research and development grants to
10 enable small businesses to compete on the same level
11 as larger businesses and to increase private sector
12 commercialization of technological innovations; and

13 (3) it would do a great disservice to countless
14 small businesses if eligibility adjustments resulted in
15 the siphoning of Federal funding away from
16 economically distressed and rural small businesses.

