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H. R. 10243

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VELÁZQUEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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 “Disaster Loan Equity
5 for Territories Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. DISASTER LOAN TAX REQUIREMENTS.**

7 Section 7(b) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
8 636(b)) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating the second paragraph (16)
2 (relating to statute of limitations) as paragraph
3 (17); and

4 (2) by inserting after paragraph (17), as so re-
5 designated, the following new paragraph:

6 “(18) TAX RETURN REQUIREMENT.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator
8 shall require an applicant for a loan under this
9 subsection to submit a tax return or tax return
10 transcript before approval of such loan.

11 “(B) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding sub-
12 paragraph (A), the Administrator shall provide
13 conditional loan approval to an applicant who is
14 a resident of a territory and does not pay Fed-
15 eral income taxes if loan proceeds will not be
16 disbursed to the applicant until the applicant
17 submits a tax return or tax return transcript
18 from the relevant tax agency of the territory in
19 which the applicant resides.

20 “(C) FACILITATION.—The Administrator
21 shall facilitate the request of an applicant to
22 the Internal Revenue Service or the relevant tax
23 agency for the tax return or tax return tran-
24 script of the applicant that is made for the pur-
25 poses of this paragraph.

1 “(D) TERRITORY DEFINED.—In this para-
2 graph, the term ‘territory’ means American
3 Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto
4 Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, or the
5 United States Virgin Islands.”.

