118th Congress 2d Session S.
To end preferences for disadvantaged individuals and businesses in Government contracts, and for other purposes.
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
Mr. Lee introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on
A BILL
To end preferences for disadvantaged individuals and businesses in Government contracts, and for other purposes.
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 "Ending Racism in Gov-
5 ernment Contracting Act".
6 SEC. 2. ENDING PREFERENCES FOR DISADVANTAGED INDI-
7 VIDUALS AND BUSINESSES IN GOVERNMENT
8 CONTRACTS.

(a) SMALL BUSINESS ACT.—The Small Business Act

 $10~(15~\mathrm{U.S.C.}~631~\mathrm{et~seq.})$ is amended—

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1	(1) in section 2 (15 U.S.C. 631)—
2	(A) by repealing subsection (f); and
3	(B) in subsection (h)(1)(H), by striking
4	"while not adversely affecting the rights of so-
5	cially and economically disadvantaged individ-
6	uals'';
7	(2) in section 7 (15 U.S.C. 636)—
8	(A) in subsection (a)—
9	(i) in paragraph (15)(E)—
10	(I) in clause (i), by striking "in-
11	cluding the number of loans" and all
12	that follows through the end of the
13	clause and inserting the following:
14	"including the number of loans made
15	to cooperatives;"; and
16	(II) in clause (ii), by striking "in-
17	cluding the number of financings"
18	and all that follows through the end
19	of the clause and inserting the fol-
20	lowing: "including the number of
21	financings made to cooperatives;
22	and"; and
23	(ii) in paragraph (36)(P)(iv), by strik-
24	ing "small business concerns owned and
25	controlled by socially and economically dis-

1	advantaged individuals (as defined in sec-
2	tion $8(d)(3)(C)$,"; and
3	(B) in subsection (j)—
4	(i) in paragraph (11)(I)(iii), by strik-
5	ing "and a distribution of concerns across
6	all industry" and all that follows through
7	"has been limited" in the second sentence
8	and
9	(ii) in paragraph (16)(B)(iii), by
10	striking "owned and controlled by other
11	than socially and economically disadvan-
12	taged individuals";
13	(3) in section 8 (15 U.S.C. 637)—
14	(A) in subsection (a)—
15	(i) in paragraph (1)—
16	(I) by inserting "and" after the
17	semicolon at the end;
18	(II) by striking subparagraphs
19	(B) and (C); and
20	(III) by redesignating subpara-
21	graph (D) as subparagraph (B);
22	(ii) by repealing paragraphs (4)
23	through (8);
24	(iii) in paragraph (9)(B)—
25	(I) by striking clause (i); and

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1	(II) by redesignating clauses (ii),
2	(iii), and (iv) as clauses (i), (ii), and
3	(iii), respectively;
4	(iv) in paragraph (10), in the second
5	sentence, by striking "and from small dis-
6	advantaged business concerns in industry
7	categories that have not substantially par-
8	ticipated in the award of contracts let
9	under the authority of this subsection";
10	and
11	(v) in paragraph (12)—
12	(I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-
13	ing "and Disadvantaged";
14	(II) in subparagraph (C), in the
15	first sentence, by striking ", including
16	those owned and controlled by socially
17	and economically disadvantaged indi-
18	viduals,"; and
19	(III) in subparagraph (D)(i), by
20	striking "and Disadvantaged";
21	(B) in subsection (d)—
22	(i) in paragraph (1), by striking
23	"small business concerns owned and con-
24	trolled by socially and economically dis-

1	advantaged individuals," each place that
2	term appears;
3	(ii) in paragraph (3)—
4	(I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-
5	ing "small business concerns owned
6	and controlled by socially and eco-
7	nomically disadvantaged individuals,"
8	each place that term appears;
9	(II) by amending subparagraph
10	(C) to read as follows:
11	"(C) As used in this contract, the term
12	'small business concern' shall mean a small
13	business as defined pursuant to section 3 of the
14	Small Business Act and relevant regulations
15	promulgated pursuant thereto."; and
16	(III) in subparagraph (F), by
17	striking "a small business concern
18	owned and controlled by socially and
19	economically disadvantaged individ-
20	uals,";
21	(iii) in paragraph (4)—
22	(I) in subparagraph (D), by
23	striking "small business concerns
24	owned and controlled by socially and

1	economically disadvantaged individ-
2	uals,"; and
3	(II) in subparagraph (E), by
4	striking "small business concerns
5	owned and controlled by the socially
6	and economically disadvantaged indi-
7	viduals as defined in paragraph (3) of
8	this subsection and for";
9	(iv) in paragraph (6), by striking
10	"small business concerns owned and con-
11	trolled by socially and economically dis-
12	advantaged individuals," each place that
13	term appears;
14	(v) in paragraph (11)(B), by striking
15	"small business concerns owned and con-
16	trolled by socially and economically dis-
17	advantaged individuals,"; and
18	(vi) in paragraph (13)(E)(i), by strik-
19	ing "and Disadvantaged"; and
20	(C) in subsection (m), by striking para-
21	graphs (7) and (8) ;
22	(4) in section $9(j)(2)(F)$ (15 U.S.C
23	638(j)(2)(F)), by striking "socially and economically
24	disadvantaged small business concerns, as defined in
25	section 8(a)(4), and the participation of";

1	(5) m section 15 (15 U.S.C. 644)—
2	(A) in subsection (e)(1)(B), by striking
3	"and Disadvantaged";
4	(B) in subsection (g)—
5	(i) in paragraph (1)(A)—
6	(I) in the matter preceding clause
7	(i), by striking "small business con-
8	cerns owned and controlled by socially
9	and economically disadvantaged indi-
10	viduals,";
11	(II) by striking clause (iv); and
12	(III) by redesignating clause (v)
13	as clause (iv); and
14	(ii) in paragraph (2)—
15	(I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-
16	ing "by small business concerns
17	owned and controlled by socially and
18	economically disadvantaged individ-
19	uals,";
20	(II) in subparagraph (B), by
21	striking "small business concerns
22	owned and controlled by socially and
23	economically disadvantaged individ-
24	uals,";

1	(III) in subparagraph (D), by
2	striking "small business concerns
3	owned and controlled by socially and
4	economically disadvantaged individ-
5	uals,"; and
6	(IV) in subparagraph (F)(ii), by
7	striking "and Disadvantaged";
8	(C) in subsection (h)(2)(E)—
9	(i) by striking clause (iv); and
10	(ii) by redesignating clauses (v)
11	through (viii) as clauses (iv) through (vii),
12	respectively;
13	(D) in subsection (k)—
14	(i) in the matter preceding paragraph
15	(1), by striking "and Disadvantaged";
16	(ii) in paragraph (1), by striking "and
17	Disadvantaged"; and
18	(iii) in paragraph (2), by striking
19	"and Disadvantaged";
20	(E) in subsection (l)(2)(G), by striking
21	"and Disadvantaged";
22	(F) in subsection $(s)(2)(A)$, by striking
23	"and Disadvantaged"; and
24	(G) in subsection (y)—

1	(i) in paragraph (2), by striking
2	"small business concerns owned and con-
3	trolled by socially and economically dis-
4	advantaged individuals," each place that
5	term appears;
6	(ii) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking
7	"small business concerns owned and con-
8	trolled by socially and economically dis-
9	advantaged individuals,"; and
10	(iii) in paragraph (4), by striking sub-
11	paragraph (D);
12	(6) in section 16 (15 U.S.C. 645)—
13	(A) in subsection $(d)(1)$, in the matter pre-
14	ceding subparagraph (A), by striking "a 'small
15	business concern owned and controlled by so-
16	cially and economically disadvantaged individ-
17	uals','';
18	(B) in subsection (e), by striking "a 'small
19	business concern owned and controlled by so-
20	cially and economically disadvantaged individ-
21	uals',''; and
22	(C) in subsection (g)(2), by striking "and
23	Disadvantaged";
24	(7) in section $21(a)(5)(D)$ (15 U.S.C.
25	648(a)(5)(D)), by striking "small business, woman-

1	owned business, or socially and economically dis-
2	advantaged business" and inserting "small business
3	or woman-owned business";
4	(8) in section 22(l) (15 U.S.C. 649(l))—
5	(A) in paragraph (1)—
6	(i) in subparagraph (C), by inserting
7	"and" at the end;
8	(ii) by striking subparagraph (D); and
9	(iii) by redesignating subparagraph
10	(E) as subparagraph (D); and
11	(B) in paragraph (3)(B)(ii)—
12	(i) by striking subclause (I); and
13	(ii) by redesignating subclauses (II)
14	and (III) as subclauses (I) and (II), re-
15	spectively; and
16	(9) in section $45(c)(1)(B)$ (15 U.S.C.
17	657r(e)(1)(B))—
18	(A) in clause (iii), by inserting "or" after
19	the semicolon at the end;
20	(B) by striking clause (iv); and
21	(C) by redesignating clause (v) as clause
22	(iv).
23	(b) Amendments to Other Acts.—

1	(1) AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021.—
2	The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law
3	117–2) is amended—
4	(A) in section $5003(e)(3)(A)$ (15 U.S.C
5	9009c(c)(3)(A)), in the first sentence, by strik-
6	ing ", small business concerns owned and con-
7	trolled by veterans" and all that follows through
8	the period at the end and inserting the fol-
9	lowing: "or small business concerns owned and
10	controlled by veterans (as defined in section
11	3(q) of that Act (15 U.S.C. 632(q)))."; and
12	(B) in section 5004(a) (15 U.S.C
13	9013(a)), by amending paragraph (5) to read
14	as follows:
15	"(5) Eligible Business.—The term 'eligible
16	business' means any small business concern, with
17	priority for small business concerns owned and con-
18	trolled by women (as defined in section 3(n) of the
19	Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(n))) and small
20	business concerns owned and controlled by veterans
21	(as defined in section 3(q) of that Act (15 U.S.C
22	632(q))).".
23	(2) Consolidated appropriations act
24	2005.—Section 155 of subtitle E of title I of division

1	K of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (15
2	U.S.C. 657g) is repealed.
3	(3) Federal acquisition streamlining act
4	OF 1994.—Section 7104 of the Federal Acquisition
5	Streamlining Act of 1994 (15 U.S.C. 644a) is
6	amended—
7	(A) in subsection (b)(3), by striking "and
8	Disadvantaged"; and
9	(B) in subsection (c)(3), by striking "and
10	Disadvantaged".
11	(4) Minority business development act of
12	2021.—The Minority Business Development Act of
13	2021 (15 U.S.C. 9521 et seq.) is repealed.
14	(5) Small business economic policy act of
15	1980.—Section 303(e) of the Small Business Eco-
16	nomic Policy Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 631b(e)) is
17	amended—
18	(A) by striking paragraph (1); and
19	(B) by redesignating paragraph (2), the
20	first paragraph (3) (relating to qualified
21	HUBZone small business concerns), and the
22	second paragraph (3) (relating to small busi-
23	ness concerns owned and controlled by vet-
24	erans) as paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), respec-
25	tively.

1	(6) Small business investment act of
2	1958.—Section 411(c)(3)(B) of the Small Business
3	Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 694b(c)(3)(B))
4	is amended by striking "a small business concern
5	owned and controlled by socially and economically
6	disadvantaged individuals as defined by section 8(d)
7	of the Small Business Act, or to".
8	(c) Technical and Conforming Amendments.—
9	(1) American recovery and reinvestment
10	ACT OF 2009.—Section 6001(h) of the American Re-
11	covery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (47 U.S.C.
12	1305(h)) is amended—
13	(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting "and"
14	after the semicolon;
15	(B) in paragraph (2)(D), by striking ";
16	and" and inserting a period; and
17	(C) by striking paragraph (3).
18	(2) CARES ACT.—Title I of the CARES Act
19	(15 U.S.C. 9001 et seq.) is amended—
20	(A) in section 1107(a) (15 U.S.C.
21	9006(a)), by repealing paragraph (5); and
22	(B) by repealing section 1108 (15 U.S.C.
23	9007).

1	(3) Energy policy act of 1992.—Section
2	3021 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C.
3	13556) is amended—
4	(A) in subsection (a)—
5	(i) by striking paragraph (1); and
6	(ii) by redesignating paragraphs (2),
7	(3), and (4) as paragraphs (1), (2), and
8	(3), respectively; and
9	(B) in subsection (b)—
10	(i) by striking paragraph (2); and
11	(ii) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
12	paragraph (2).
13	(4) Energy Policy act of 2005.—Section
14	1003(a)(1) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42
15	U.S.C. 16393(a)(1)) is amended by striking ", in-
16	cluding socially and economically disadvantaged
17	small business concerns (as defined in section
18	8(a)(4) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
19	637(a)(4))),".
20	(5) EXPORT-IMPORT BANK ACT OF 1945.—The
21	Export-Import Bank Act of 1945 (12 U.S.C. 635 et
22	seq.) is amended—
23	(A) in section $2(b)(1)(E)(iii)(II)$ (12)
24	U.S.C. $635(b)(1)(E)(iii)(II)$, by striking "to
25	socially and economically disadvantaged small

1	business concerns (as defined in section $8(a)(4)$
2	of the Small Business Act), small business con-
3	cerns (as defined in section 3(a) of the Small
4	Business Act) owned by women, and" and in-
5	serting the following: "to small business con-
6	cerns (as defined in section 3(a) of the Small
7	Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(a))) owned by
8	women and";
9	(B) in section $3(i)(1)$ (12 U.S.C.
10	635a(i)(1)), by striking "socially and economi-
11	cally disadvantaged small business concerns (as
12	defined in section 8(a)(4) of the Small Business
13	Act) and"; and
14	(C) in section 8 (12 U.S.C. 635g)—
15	(i) in subsection (e), by striking "so-
16	cially and economically disadvantaged
17	small business concerns (as defined in sec-
18	tion 8(a)(4) of the Small Business Act),
19	small business concerns (as defined in sec-
20	tion 3(a) of the Small Business Act) owned
21	by women, and" and inserting "small busi-
22	ness concerns small business concerns (as
23	defined in section 3(a) of the Small Busi-
24	ness Act (15 U.S.C. 632(a))) owned by
25	women and"; and

1	(ii) in subsection $(f)(4)$, by striking
2	"socially and economically disadvantaged
3	small business concerns (defined in section
4	8(a)(4) of the Small Business Act) and".
5	(6) Federal acquisition streamlining act
6	OF 1994.—Section 7104(c) of the Federal Acquisition
7	Streamlining Act of 1994 (15 U.S.C. 644a(c)) is
8	amended—
9	(A) by striking paragraph (2); and
10	(B) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
11	paragraph (2).
12	(7) SMALL BUSINESS ACT.—Section 7(j) of the
13	Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(j)) is amend-
14	ed —
15	(A) in paragraph (10)(D)(i), by striking
16	"and shall be designed to result in the Program
17	Participant eliminating the conditions or cir-
18	cumstances upon which the Administration de-
19	termined eligibility pursuant to section
20	8(a)(6)"; and
21	(B) in paragraph (11)—
22	(i) by striking subparagraph (B);
23	(ii) by redesignating subparagraphs
24	(C) through (I) as subparagraphs (B)
25	through (H), respectively;

1	(iii) in subparagraph (C), as so redes-
2	ignated, by striking "(as defined pursuant
3	to section $8(a)(4)$)"; and
4	(iv) in subparagraph (E), as so redes-
5	ignated—
6	(I) by striking clause (i); and
7	(II) by redesignating clauses (ii)
8	through (viii) as clauses (i) through
9	(vii), respectively.
10	(8) Small business jobs act of 2010.—Title
11	III of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 (12
12	U.S.C. 5701 et seq.) is amended—
13	(A) in section 3002 (12 U.S.C. 5701)—
14	(i) by striking paragraph (18); and
15	(ii) by redesignating paragraph (19)
16	as paragraph (18);
17	(B) in section 3003 (12 U.S.C. 5702), by
18	repealing subsections (d) and (e); and
19	(C) in section 3009(e) (12 U.S.C.
20	5708(e))—
21	(i) in paragraph (1)—
22	(I) in the matter preceding sub-
23	paragraph (A), by striking "business
24	enterprises owned and controlled by
25	socially and economically disadvan-

1	taged individuals, to very small busi-
2	nesses and business enterprises owned
3	and controlled by socially and eco-
4	nomically disadvantaged individuals"
5	and inserting "very small businesses";
6	and
7	(II) in subparagraph (B), by add-
8	ing "and" after the semicolon at the
9	end;
10	(ii) by striking paragraph (2);
11	(iii) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
12	paragraph (2); and
13	(iv) in paragraph (2), as so redesig-
14	nated—
15	(I) by striking "(with priority
16	given to business enterprises owned
17	and controlled by socially and eco-
18	nomically disadvantaged individ-
19	uals),"; and
20	(II) by striking "to provide tech-
21	nical assistance to business enter-
22	prises owned and controlled by so-
23	cially and economically disadvantaged
24	individuals" and inserting "to provide

1	technical assistance to business enter-
2	prises''.
3	(9) Title 51, united states code.—Section
4	30304 of title 51, United States Code, is repealed.
5	SEC. 3. ENDING RACIAL AND ETHNIC PARTICIPATION
6	GOALS FOR DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPOR-
7	TATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.
8	(a) Written Assurances for Airport Improve-
9	MENT PROJECT GRANTS.—Section 47107(e) of title 49,
10	United States Code, is amended—
11	(1) in paragraph (1)—
12	(A) by striking "10 percent" and inserting
13	"5 percent"; and
14	(B) by striking "small business concerns"
15	and all that follows through the period at the
16	end and inserting "disadvantaged business con-
17	cerns (as defined in section 47113(a) of this
18	title).";
19	(2) in paragraph (4)(B), in the second sentence,
20	by striking "small business concern" and all that
21	follows through the period at the end and inserting
22	"disadvantaged business concern (as defined in sec-
23	tion 47113(a) of this title)."; and
24	(3) in paragraph (6), by striking "small busi-
25	ness concern" and all that follows through "Small

1	Business Act)" and inserting "disadvantaged busi-
2	ness concern (as defined in section 47113(a) of this
3	title)".
4	(b) DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS CONCERN.—Section
5	47113 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—
6	(1) in subsection (a)—
7	(A) by striking paragraph (2); and
8	(B) by inserting the following:
9	"(2) 'disadvantaged business concern' and 'dis-
10	advantaged business enterprise' mean a concern
11	owned and controlled by women or a qualified
12	HUBZone small business concern; and";
13	(2) by striking subsection (b);
14	(3) in subsection (d), by striking "small busi-
15	ness concerns referred to in subsection (b) of this
16	section" and inserting "disadvantaged business con-
17	cerns"; and
18	(4) by striking subsection (e).
19	(c) Environmental Protection Agency.—The
20	matter under the heading "ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS"
21	under the heading "Environmental Protection Agen-
22	CY" under the heading "INDEPENDENT AGENCIES"
23	in title III of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and
24	Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agen-

1	cies Appropriations Act, 1993, is amended by striking the
2	first paragraph (42 U.S.C. 4370d).
3	SEC. 4. ENDING RACIAL AND ETHNIC CONTRACTING GOALS
4	IN OTHER GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS.
5	(a) Elimination of Reporting on Small Busi-
6	NESS CONCERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY SOCIALLY
7	AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS.—
8	Section 1713 of title 41, United States Code, is amend-
9	ed—
10	(1) in subsection (a)—
11	(A) by striking paragraph (2); and
12	(B) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
13	paragraph (2); and
14	(2) in the first sentence of subsection (b), by
15	striking ", the number of small businesses owned
16	and controlled by women, and the number" and all
17	that follows through the period at the end and in-
18	serting "and the number of small businesses owned
19	and controlled by women.".
20	(b) DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.—
21	(1) In general.—Section 3021 of the Energy
22	Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13556) is repealed.
23	(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
24	tents in section 1(b) of the Energy Policy Act of
25	1992 (Public Law 102–486; 106 Stat. 2782) is

1	amended by striking the item relating to section
2	3021.
3	SEC. 5. ENDING ALL RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISCRIMINATION
4	IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING AND
5	AWARDS.
6	(a) CIVILIAN CONTRACTS.—
7	(1) In General.—Chapter 47 of title 41
8	United States Code, is amended by adding at the
9	end the following new section:
10	"§ 4715. Prohibition on racial and ethnic preferences
11	in government contracts and awards
12	"The head of an executive agency may not—
13	"(1) take into consideration the race or eth-
14	nicity of individuals owning, controlling, or man-
15	aging businesses or other entities when granting
16	contracts or awards; or
17	"(2) place requirements on contractors or
18	grantees that require or encourage them to take into
19	consideration the race or ethnicity of individuals to
20	whom they award contracts, subcontracts, or
21	awards.''.
22	(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
23	tions at the beginning of chapter 47 of title 10
24	United States Code, is amended by inserting after

1	the item relating to section 4714 the following new
2	item:
	"4715. Prohibition on racial and ethnic preferences in government contracts and awards.".
3	(b) Defense Contracts.—
4	(1) In General.—Chapter 363 of title 10,
5	United States Code, is amended by adding at the
6	end the following new section:
7	"§ 4663. Prohibition on racial and ethnic preferences
8	in defense contracts and awards
9	"The head of an agency may not—
10	"(1) take into consideration the race or eth-
11	nicity of individuals owning, controlling, or man-
12	aging businesses or other entities when granting
13	contracts or awards; or
14	"(2) place requirements on contractors or
15	grantees that require or encourage them to take into
16	consideration the race or ethnicity of individuals to
17	whom they award contracts, subcontracts, or
18	awards.".
19	(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
20	tions at the beginning of chapter 363 of title 10,
21	United States Code, is amended by inserting after
22	the item relating to section 4662 the following new
23	item:
	"4669 Drobibition on region and otheric professionage in defense contracts and

[&]quot;4663. Prohibition on racial and ethnic preferences in defense contracts and awards.".

- 1 (c) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 60 days after the
- 2 date of the enactment of this Act, the head of each execu-
- 3 tive agency that has rules or regulations requiring or en-
- 4 couraging consideration of the racial or ethnic status of
- 5 individuals to whom they grant contracts or awards shall
- 6 submit a proposed rulemaking removing all such ref-
- 7 erences. The agency shall complete the rulemaking within
- 8 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.
- 9 (d) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 60 days after the
- 10 date of the enactment of this Act, the head of each execu-
- 11 tive agency that has guidance documents, directives, or no-
- 12 tices requiring or encouraging consideration of the racial
- 13 or ethnic status of individuals to whom they grant con-
- 14 tracts or awards shall submit new guidance, directives, or
- 15 notices removing all such references.
- 16 (e) EXECUTIVE AGENCY DEFINED.—In this section,
- 17 the term "executive agency" has the meaning given the
- 18 term in section 133 of title 41, United States Code.