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# H. R. 2290

To require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to submit a report on the impact of COVID–19 restrictions on small business concerns, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2021

Mr. STAUBER (for himself, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. HAGEDORN, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. GARBARINO, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. FITZGERALD, Ms. SALAZAR, Ms. TENNEY, and Ms. VAN DUYNE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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## 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 “Stop the Shutdowns  
5       Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds the following:

1           (1) According to Bureau of Labor and Statis-  
2           tics, in February 2020, unemployment was at 3.5  
3           percent.

4           (2) According to the Centers for Disease Con-  
5           trol and Prevention, during March 1, 2020, and May  
6           31, 2020, States and territories issued mandatory  
7           stay-at-home orders due to the spread of COVID-19  
8           in the United States.

9           (3) According to the Bureau of Labor and Sta-  
10          tistics, in April 2020, unemployment was 14.7 per-  
11          cent with 23.1 million people unemployed.

12          (4) In a December 2020 Chamber of Commerce  
13          report, 50 percent of small business owners reported  
14          they saw their operations continuing for a year or  
15          less in the current business climate before having to  
16          permanently close.

17          (5) In a January 2021 National Federation of  
18          Independent Business report, small business owners  
19          reported a decline in expectations for better business  
20          conditions over the next six months.

21          (6) On August 21, 2020, President Joseph R.  
22          Biden stated, “I would shut it down”, when asked  
23          if he would be prepared to shut down the country  
24          again, if so advised.

1 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON IMPACT OF COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS.**

2 Not later than 120 days after the date of the enact-  
3 ment of this section, the Administrator of the Small Busi-  
4 ness Administration shall submit to Congress a report on  
5 the impact on small business concerns (as defined under  
6 section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632)) of  
7 a requirement relating to COVID-19 that would restrict  
8 or otherwise prevent such a concern from operating at nor-  
9 mal capacity. Such report shall include data disaggregated  
10 by State requirements, Federal statutory requirements,  
11 and requirements issued by rule or Executive Order, in-  
12 cluding—

13 (1) the total number of small business concerns  
14 that would have to temporarily or permanently close  
15 under each such requirement;

16 (2) the impact on small business concerns,  
17 disaggregated by industry, under each such require-  
18 ment; and

19 (3) the impact on small business concerns,  
20 disaggregated by the location of such concern in an  
21 urban, suburban, or rural area, under each such re-  
22 quirement.

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