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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2021

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN (for herself, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mrs. RADEWAGEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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 “Empowering Non-
5 profits Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL AND REDUCTION OF COST-SHARING RE-**
7 **QUIREMENTS FOR GRANTS.**

8 (a) REMOVAL OF COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT
9 DURING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY PERIOD.—Any

1 cost-sharing requirement for an eligible nonprofit organi-
 2 zation for grants made directly to that organization by an
 3 executive agency shall be waived during a COVID-19
 4 emergency period.

5 (b) REDUCTION OF COST-SHARING REQUIRE-
 6 MENT.—Beginning on the expiration of the COVID-19
 7 emergency period and ending 5 years thereafter, the head
 8 of an executive agency shall reduce any cost-sharing re-
 9 quirement 25 percent for an eligible nonprofit organiza-
 10 tion for grants made directly to that organization.

11 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) COVID-19 EMERGENCY PERIOD.—The
 13 term “COVID-19 emergency period” means a pe-
 14 riod that—

15 (A) begins on the date of a determination
 16 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services
 17 pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health
 18 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) that a public
 19 health emergency exists as a result of COVID-
 20 19; and

21 (B) ends on the date on which such deter-
 22 mination (including any renewal thereof) termi-
 23 nates.

24 (2) ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The
 25 term “eligible nonprofit organization” means a non-

1 profit organization that is located in a State with
2 more than 20 percent of individuals living below the
3 Federal poverty line.

4 (3) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “executive
5 agency” has the meaning given in section 133 of
6 title 41, United States Code.

7 (4) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The term
8 “nonprofit organization” means an organization that
9 is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Rev-
10 enue Code of 1968 and exempt from taxation under
11 section 501(a) of such Code.

12 (5) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
13 the several States, the District of Columbia, each
14 commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United
15 States, and each federally recognized Tribe.

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