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H. R. 7371

To amend the Relief for Workers Affected by Coronavirus Act to extend Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation and improve short-time compensation programs and agreements, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Pocan (for himself, Mr. Connolly, Mr. Courtney, Mr. García of Illinois, Ms. Jayapal, Mr. Khanna, Mr. Levin of Michigan, Mr. Lowenthal, Mrs. Napolitano, Ms. Norton, Mr. Raskin, Ms. Schakowsky, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, and Ms. Tlaib) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Relief for Workers Affected by Coronavirus Act to extend Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation and improve short-time compensation programs and agreements, 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 "Rebuilding Main Street
- 5 Act of 2020".

1	SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEMPLOY-
2	MENT COMPENSATION.
3	(a) In General.—Section 2104(e)(2) of the Relief
4	for Workers Affected by Coronavirus Act (contained in
5	subtitle A of title II of division A of the CARES Act (Pub-
6	lic Law 116–136)) is amended by striking "July 31,
7	2020" and inserting "December 31, 2020".
8	(b) Application to Short-Time Compensation
9	PROGRAMS AND AGREEMENTS.—Section 2104(i)(2) of the
10	Relief for Workers Affected by Coronavirus Act (contained
11	in subtitle A of title II of division A of the CARES Act
12	(Public Law 116–136)) is amended—
13	(1) in subparagraph (C), by striking "and" at
14	the end;
15	(2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period
16	at the end and inserting "; and; and
17	(3) by adding at the end the following:
18	"(E) short-time compensation under sec-
19	tion 2108 or 2109.".
20	SEC. 3. IMPROVEMENTS TO FINANCING OF SHORT-TIME
21	COMPENSATION.
22	(a) States With Programs in Law.—Section
23	2108 of the Relief for Workers Affected by Coronavirus
24	Act (contained in subtitle A of title II of division A of
25	the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136)) is amended—
26	(1) in subsection (a)—

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1	(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "para-
2	graph (3)" and inserting "paragraphs (3), (4),
3	and (5)"; and
4	(B) by striking paragraph (3) and insert-
5	ing the following:
6	"(3) Limitations on payments.—No pay-
7	ments shall be made to a State under this section
8	for short-time compensation paid to an individual by
9	the State during a benefit year in excess of 26 times
10	the amount of regular compensation (including de-
11	pendents' allowances) under the State law payable to
12	such individual for a week of total unemployment.
13	"(4) Seasonal, Temporary, or intermit-
14	TENT EMPLOYMENT.—Payments may be made to a
15	State under this section for benefits paid to an indi-
16	vidual by the State under a short-time compensation
17	program if such individual is employed by the par-
18	ticipating employer on a seasonal, temporary, or
19	intermittent basis, and any reduction in such indi-
20	vidual's hours is due to circumstances related to the
21	coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.
22	"(5) Authority for states with programs
23	IN LAW TO TEMPORARILY ADJUST LIMITS ON WORK-

WEEK REDUCTION AND PERMITTING REHIRING.—

1	"(A) In general.—For purposes of mak-
2	ing payments under this section, in the case of
3	a State whose State law provides for the pay-
4	ment of short-time compensation under a short-
5	time compensation program that meets the defi-
6	nition of such a program under section 3306(v)
7	of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986—
8	"(i) paragraph (2) of such section
9	3306(v) shall be applied by inserting 'or
10	the employer rehires employees or brings
11	back employees from furlough at reduced
12	hours' after 'layoffs';
13	"(ii) paragraph (3) of such section
14	3306(v) shall be applied by striking '60
15	percent' and inserting '80 percent'; and
16	"(iii) paragraph (7) of such section
17	3306(v) shall be applied by inserting ', or
18	who is rehired or brought back from fur-
19	lough at reduced hours under the pro-
20	gram,' after 'under the program'.
21	"(B) Limitation.—The modifications to
22	such section 3306(v) under clauses (i), (ii), and
23	(iii) of subparagraph (A) shall only apply dur-
24	ing the period for which this section is applica-
25	ble.";

- 1 (2) by redesignating subsections (d), (e), and
- 2 (f) as subsections (e), (f), and (g), respectively; and
- 3 (3) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
- 4 lowing:
- 5 "(d) RESTRICTION ON CHARGING OF FEDERALLY
- 6 Reimbursed Short-Time Compensation Benefits.—
- 7 Beginning on the date of enactment of this subsection, a
- 8 State receiving payments under this section may not in-
- 9 crease experience rated State unemployment taxes, or re-
- 10 quire reimbursement for benefit costs, due to short-time
- 11 compensation benefits paid on or before December 31,
- 12 2020.".
- 13 (b) Federal-State Agreements.—
- 14 (1) Application of Section 3306 of the in-
- 15 TERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.—Section
- 16 2109(b)(1) of the Relief for Workers Affected by
- 17 Coronavirus Act (contained in subtitle A of title II
- of division A of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–
- 19 (136)) is amended by inserting before the period at
- 20 the end "except that paragraphs (2), (3), and (7) of
- such section 3306(v) shall be applied under an
- agreement under this section in the same manner as
- such paragraphs are applied under section 2108
- pursuant to clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) of paragraph
- 25 (5)(A) of such section".

1	(2) Expansion of financing for short-
2	TIME COMPENSATION.—
3	(A) In General.—Section 2109 of the
4	Relief for Workers Affected by Coronavirus Act
5	(contained in subtitle A of title II of division A
6	of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136)) is
7	amended—
8	(i) in subsection (b), by striking para-
9	graphs (2) and (3) and inserting the fol-
10	lowing:
11	"(2) Limitations on Plans.—A short-time
12	compensation plan approved by a State shall not
13	permit the payment of short-time compensation to
14	an individual by the State during a benefit year in
15	excess of 26 times the amount of regular compensa-
16	tion (including dependents' allowances) under the
17	State law payable to such individual for a week of
18	total unemployment.
19	"(3) Seasonal, Temporary, or intermit-
20	TENT EMPLOYMENT.—Payments may be made to a
21	State under this section for benefits paid to an indi-
22	vidual by the State under a short-time compensation
23	plan if such individual is employed by the partici-
24	pating employer on a seasonal, temporary, or inter-
25	mittent basis, and any reduction in such individual's

1	hours is due to circumstances related to the
2	coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.";
3	and
4	(ii) in subsection $(c)(1)(A)$, by strik-
5	ing "one-half" and inserting "100 per-
6	cent".
7	(B) Effective date.—The amendments
8	made by subparagraph (A) shall take effect as
9	if included in the enactment of such section
10	2109.
11	(3) Restriction on charging of federally
12	REIMBURSED SHORT-TIME COMPENSATION BENE-
13	FITS.—Section 2109 of the Relief for Workers Af-
14	fected by Coronavirus Act (contained in subtitle A of
15	title II of division A of the CARES Act (Public Law
16	116–136)) is amended—
17	(A) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
18	section (g); and
19	(B) by inserting after subsection (e) the
20	following:
21	"(f) Restriction on Charging of Federally
22	REIMBURSED SHORT-TIME COMPENSATION BENEFITS.—
23	Beginning on the date of enactment of this subsection, a
24	State receiving payments under this section may not in-
25	crease experience rated State unemployment taxes, or re-

- 1 quire reimbursement for benefit costs, due to short-time
- 2 compensation benefits paid on or before December 31,
- 3 2020.".
- 4 (c) Federal Website and Common Application
- 5 FOR SHORT-TIME COMPENSATION.—Title IX of the Social
- 6 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) is amended by add-
- 7 ing at the end the following:
- 8 "SEC. 912. SHORT-TIME COMPENSATION COMMON APPLICA-
- 9 TION AND WEBSITE.
- 10 "(a) Federal Short-Time Compensation Com-
- 11 MON APPLICATION.—
- 12 "(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days
- after the enactment of this section, the Secretary of
- 14 Labor shall establish and maintain an internet-based
- 15 Federal short-time compensation common applica-
- tion through which an employer may apply to the
- short-time compensation program of any State (in-
- cluding multiple States at the same time) that has
- adopted such common application.
- 20 "(2) USE OF MODEL LANGUAGE.—The Sec-
- 21 retary of Labor shall establish the common applica-
- 22 tion under paragraph (1) based on the model lan-
- guage developed pursuant to section 2165 of the
- 24 Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of
- 25 2012.

1	"(b) Federal Short-Time Compensation
2	Website.—Not later than 30 days after the enactment
3	of this section, the Secretary of Labor shall establish and
4	maintain a publicly available internet website—
5	"(1) through which an employer may obtain in-
6	formation about any short-time compensation pro-
7	gram available in the State in which the employer
8	operates, including a program under sections 2108
9	through 2110 of the Relief for Workers Affected by
10	Coronavirus Act (contained in subtitle A of title II
11	of division A of the CARES Act); and
12	"(2) that provides information about and access
13	to the Federal short-time compensation common ap-
14	plication, as established in subsection (a).".
15	SEC. 4. IMPROVEMENTS TO GRANTS FOR SHORT-TIME COM-
16	PENSATION PROGRAMS.
17	(a) Existing Grants.—Section 2110 of the Relief
18	for Workers Affected by Coronavirus Act (contained in
19	subtitle A of title II of division A of the CARES Act (Pub-
20	lic Law 116–136)) is amended—
21	(1) in subsection (a)—
22	(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting "or
23	enter into an agreement under section 2109 to
24	provide" after "enact"; and

1 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking subpara-2 graph (B) and inserting the following:

- "(B) CLARIFICATION.—A State administering a short-time compensation program that does not meet the definition of a short-time compensation program as defined in subsection (i)(2) shall not be eligible to receive a grant under this section until such time as the State provides for payments under a short-time compensation program that meets such definition.";
- (2) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

"(1) Amount.—

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"(A) IMPLEMENTATION AND IMPROVE-MENT.—Subject to subparagraph (C), the maximum amount available for making grants under subsections (a) (1) and (2) to a State that administers a short-time compensation program shall be equal to the amount obtained by multiplying \$150,000,000 (less the amount used by the Secretary under subsection (e)) by the same ratio as would apply under subsection (a)(2)(B) of section 903 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1103) for purposes of deter-

1 mining such State's share of any excess amount 2 (as described in subsection (a)(1) of such sec-3 tion) that would have been subject to transfer 4 to State accounts, as of October 1, 2019, under 5 the provisions of subsection (a) of such sec-6 tion."; 7 (3) in subsection (c)— (A) in paragraph (3), by inserting "or 8 9 agreement" after "the State law"; and 10 (B) in paragraph (4)(B), by inserting 11 "(other than pursuant to an agreement under section 2109)" after "short-time compensation 12 13 program"; 14 (4)in subsection striking (g),by "\$100,000,000" and inserting "\$200,000,000"; and 15 16 (5) in subsection (i)(2), by inserting before the 17 period at the end ", except that paragraphs (2), (3), 18 and (7) of such section 3306(v) shall be applied 19 under this section in the same manner as such para-20 graphs are applied under section 2108 pursuant to 21 clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) of paragraph (5)(A) of such 22 section". 23 (b) Additional Funding for States WHO STREAMLINE PROGRAM GUIDELINES.—Section 2110 of the Relief for Workers Affected by Coronavirus Act (con-

1	tained in subtitle A of title II of division A of the CARES
2	Act (Public Law 116–136)) is amended—
3	(1) in subsection (a)—
4	(A) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
5	paragraph (4);
6	(B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
7	following:
8	"(3) For streamlining program guide-
9	LINES.—The Secretary shall award grants to States
10	that are eligible and submit plans for a grant under
11	paragraph (1) for such States that streamline the
12	short-time compensation program guidelines of the
13	State, such as—
14	"(A) allowing an employer to provide an
15	eligibility certification on behalf of the employ-
16	ees of the employer on a weekly basis;
17	"(B) allowing an employer to rehire an em-
18	ployee or bring back an employee from furlough
19	at reduced hours, pursuant to the modifications
20	described in section 2108(a)(5)(A) and section
21	2109(b)(1);
22	"(C) relaxing any State limitation on
23	short-time compensation hour reduction to
24	match the maximum percentage permitted
25	under section 3306(v)(3) of the Internal Rev-

1 enue Code of 1986, pursuant to the modifica-2 tions described in section 2108(a)(5)(A) and 3 section 2109(b)(1); or "(D) accepting employer applications sub-4 5 mitted using the federal short-time compensa-6 tion common application established under this Act."; and 7 8 (C) in paragraph (4)(A), as redesignated 9 by subparagraph (A), by striking "and (2)" and inserting ", (2), and (3)"; 10 11 (2) in subsection (b)— 12 (A) in paragraph (1), as amended by sub-13 section (a)(2), by adding at the end the fol-14 lowing: "(B) 15 STREAMLINING PROGRAM GUIDE-16 LINES.—Subject to subparagraph (C), the max-17 imum amount available for making grants 18 under subsection (a)(3) to a State shall be 19 equal to the amount obtained by multiplying 20 \$50,000,000 (less the amount used by the Sec-21 retary under subsection (e)) by the same ratio 22 as would apply under subsection (a)(2)(B) of 23 section 903 of the Social Security Act (42) 24 U.S.C. 1103) for purposes of determining such

State's share of any excess amount (as de-

1	scribed in subsection $(a)(1)$ of such section)
2	that would have been subject to transfer to
3	State accounts, as of October 1, 2019, under
4	the provisions of subsection (a) of such section.
5	"(C) Special rule for federal-state
6	AGREEMENTS.—In no case may the total of all
7	grants made under this section to a State ad-
8	ministering a short-time compensation program
9	pursuant to an agreement under section 2109
10	exceed $$1,000,000.$ "; and
11	(B) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-
12	ing the following:
13	"(2) Amount available for different
14	GRANTS.—
15	"(A) Grants for implementation or
16	IMPROVED ADMINISTRATION OR FOR PRO-
17	MOTION AND ENROLLMENT.—Of the maximum
18	incentive payment determined under paragraph
19	(1)(A) with respect to a State—
20	"(i) one-third shall be available for a
21	grant under subsection (a)(1); and
22	"(ii) two-thirds shall be available for a
23	grant under subsection $(a)(2)$.
24	"(B) Grants for streamlining pro-
25	GRAM GUIDELINES.—Of the maximum incentive

1 payment determined under paragraph (1)(B) 2 with respect to a State, 100 percent shall be 3 available for a grant under subsection (a)(3)."; 4 (3) in subsection (c)— (A) in paragraph (1), by striking "or (2)" 5 and inserting ", (2), or (3)"; 6 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking "or (2) 7 (or both)" and inserting ", (2), or (3) (or each 8 9 paragraph)"; and 10 (C) in paragraph (4), in the matter pre-11 ceding subparagraph (A), by striking "or (2)" and inserting ", (2), or (3)"; 12 13 (4) in subsection (d), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting ", the streamlining of 14 15 guidelines for such programs," after "administration of such programs"; and 16 17 (5) in subsection (f), in the matter preceding 18 paragraph (1), by striking "or (2)" and inserting ", 19 (2), or (3)". 20 SEC. 5. REBUILDING MAIN STREET GRANT PROGRAM. 21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the 22 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish 23 a program to provide grants to any eligible employer to help ensure that such employer remains in operation while

- its employees continue working reduced hours pursuant to 2 a short-time compensation program. 3 (b) APPLICATION.—Any eligible employer seeking to receive a grant under this section shall submit an applica-5 tion to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and 6 containing such information as the Secretary may require. 7 (c) Amount of Grant.— 8 (1) In General.—For each calendar quarter 9 ending after the date on which the application has 10 been approved for an eligible employer under sub-11 section (b) and ending before January 1, 2022, the 12 Secretary shall provide a grant to such employer in 13 an amount equal to the applicable percentage of the 14 eligible costs paid or incurred by such employer for 15 the preceding calendar quarter. 16 (2) Applicable Percentage.— 17 (A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this 18 subsection, the applicable percentage for any 19 20
 - calendar quarter shall be the amount equal to—

 (i) in the case of an eligible employer described in subclause (I) of subsection (f)(1)(A)(i), 50 percent, as reduced (but not below zero) by 2 percentage points for each percentage point by which the reduction in gross receipts of the eligible em-

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1	ployer for such quarter is less than 50 per-
2	cent; or
3	(ii) in the case of an eligible employer
4	described in subclause (II) of such sub-
5	section, 50 percent.
6	(B) REDUCTION IN GROSS RECEIPTS.—
7	(i) IN GENERAL.—With respect to any
8	calendar quarter, the reduction in gross re-
9	ceipts for such quarter is the amount (ex-
10	pressed as a percentage) equal to the
11	quotient of—
12	(I) gross receipts of the eligible
13	employer for such quarter; and
14	(II) gross receipts of the eligible
15	employer for the same calendar quar-
16	ter during the preceding calendar
17	year.
18	(ii) New employers.—In the case of
19	an eligible employer which was not car-
20	rying on a trade or business (or, in the
21	case of an organization exempt from tax-
22	ation under section 501(a) of the Internal
23	Revenue Code of 1986, which was not car-
24	rying on activities related to the purpose or
25	function constituting the basis of the orga-

- nization's exemption under such section)
 during the same calendar quarter in the
 preceding calendar year, clause (i)(II) shall
 be applied by substituting "the first calendar quarter of 2020" for "the same calendar quarter during the preceding calendar year".
 - (3) EXCLUSION FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS.—A grant shall not be provided to an eligible employer for any calendar quarter in which such employer has been determined by a State or local government agency with appropriate jurisdiction over such employer to have failed to carry out its operations in compliance with any applicable State or local public health order or requirement and has provided notice to the Secretary of such failure to comply with such order or requirement.
 - (4) Limitation.—The cumulative amount of any grants which may be provided to an eligible employer under this section for all calendar quarters shall not exceed \$300,000.
 - (5) Information regarding eligible costs.—For purposes of determining the amount of the grant to be provided for each calendar quarter

- 1 under this subsection, an eligible employer shall pro-
- 2 vide the Secretary such information as is deemed
- 3 necessary by the Secretary.
- 4 (d) No Reduction in Loan Forgiveness for
- 5 PAYCHECK PROTECTION LOANS.—Section 1106(d) of the
- 6 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136), as amended by sec-
- 7 tion 3(b)(2) of the Paycheck Protection Program Flexi-
- 8 bility Act of 2020 (Public Law 116–142), is amended by
- 9 adding at the end the following new paragraph:
- 10 "(9) No reduction in forgiveness based
- 11 ON WORK SHARING PLAN.—The amount of forgive-
- ness of a covered loan made to an eligible recipient
- under this section shall not be reduced based on a
- reduction relating to salary and wages under para-
- graph (3) if the eligible recipient elected to provide
- reduced work hours to full-time equivalent employees
- of the eligible recipient pursuant to a short term
- compensation program, as defined in section 3306(v)
- of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, including any
- short-time compensation plan approved by a State
- 21 pursuant to section 2109(b)(1).".
- (e) No Reimbursement.—Any expense paid by an
- 23 eligible employer with proceeds from a loan made under
- 24 section 7(a)(36) of the Small Business (15 U.S.C.

1	636(a)(36)) shall not be eligible for reimbursement under
2	the program established under this section.
3	(f) Definitions.—For purposes of this section—
4	(1) Eligible employer.—
5	(A) IN GENERAL.—The term "eligible em-
6	ployer" means any entity (including any organi-
7	zation exempt from taxation under section
8	501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of
9	1986)—
10	(i)(I) for which the reduction in gross
11	receipts (as determined under subsection
12	(c)(2)(B)) for the most recent calendar
13	quarter ending before the date on which
14	such entity submitted an application under
15	subsection (b) is not less than 25 percent;
16	or
17	(II) which—
18	(aa) had less than 20 employees
19	during the period described in clause
20	(i) of subparagraph (B);
21	(bb) had less than \$1,500,000 in
22	annual gross receipts (as determined
23	under clause (ii) of such subpara-
24	graph); and

1	(cc) as part of their application
2	under subsection (b), has made a good
3	faith certification that the uncertainty
4	of current economic conditions makes
5	necessary the grant request to support
6	the ongoing operations of such entity;
7	(ii) which has elected to provide re-
8	duced work hours to employees pursuant
9	to a short-time compensation program; and
10	(iii) which is not—
11	(I) a hedge fund or a private eq-
12	uity fund, as defined in section 13(h)
13	of the Bank Holding Company Act of
14	1956 (12 U.S.C. 1851(h));
15	(II) a corporation the stock of
16	which is publicly traded; or
17	(III) a publicly traded partner-
18	ship (as defined in section 7704(b) of
19	the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).
20	(B) Rules for certain employers.—
21	(i) Employees.—The period de-
22	scribed in this clause shall be, at the elec-
23	tion of the entity—

1	(I) the period beginning on Feb-
2	ruary 15, 2019, and ending on June
3	30, 2019; or
4	(II) the period beginning on Jan-
5	uary 1, 2020, and ending on February
6	29, 2020.
7	(ii) Gross receipts.—
8	(I) In general.—For purposes
9	of subparagraph (A)(i)(II)(bb), annual
10	gross receipts shall be determined
11	based on information provided for the
12	most recent taxable year for which a
13	tax return has been filed by the entity
14	(including, in the case of an organiza-
15	tion exempt from taxation under sec-
16	tion 501(a) of the Internal Revenue
17	Code of 1986, a return required under
18	section 6033 of such Code).
19	(II) NEW EMPLOYERS.—With re-
20	spect to the taxable year described in
21	subclause (I), in the case of an entity
22	which was not carrying on a trade or
23	business (or, in the case of an organi-
24	zation exempt from taxation under
25	section 501(a) of the Internal Rev-

1	enue Code of 1986, which was not
2	carrying on activities related to the
3	purpose or function constituting the
4	basis of the organization's exemption
5	under such section) during the en-
6	tirety of such taxable year, annual
7	gross receipts shall be determined on
8	an annualized basis.
9	(III) ORGANIZATION EXEMPT
10	FROM FILING.—For purposes of sub-
11	clause (I), in the case of an organiza-
12	tion exempt from taxation under sec-
13	tion 501(a) of the Internal Revenue
14	Code of 1986 which is exempt from
15	filing a return pursuant to section
16	6033(a) of such Code, such organiza-
17	tion may submit to the Secretary (in
18	such form and manner as is deemed
19	appropriate by the Secretary) any in-
20	formation required to determine the
21	annual gross receipts of such organi-
22	zation for purposes of subparagraph
23	(A)(i)(II)(bb).
24	(C) AGGREGATION RULE.—All persons
25	which are treated as a single employer under

subsections (a) and (b) of section 52 of the In-1 2 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 shall be treated as 3 a single eligible employer for purposes of this section. 4 (2) Eligible costs.— 6 IN GENERAL.—The term "eligible costs" means the payment or accrual, in the or-7 8 dinary course of the eligible employer's trade or 9 business, of— (i) any covered mortgage obligation, 10 11 covered rent obligation, or covered utility 12 payment; and 13 (ii) any costs and expenses necessary 14 to maintain, reopen, and reconfigure the 15 operations of the eligible employer, includ-16 ing costs and expenses related to cleaning, 17 equipment, and other similar expenditures, 18 as defined by the Secretary through such 19 regulations or other guidance as may be 20 appropriate or necessary to carry out the 21 purposes of this section. 22 (B) Exception.—For purposes of sub-23 paragraph (A)(i), the term "eligible costs" shall 24 not include the prepayment of any obligation

for a period in excess of a month unless the

- payment for such period is customarily due in advance.
- (C) APPLICATION OF DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of subparagraph (A)(i), the terms "covered mortgage obligation", "covered rent obligation", and "covered utility payment" shall each have the same meaning as when used in section 1106 of the CARES Act.
- 9 (3) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means 10 the Secretary of the Treasury or the Secretary's del-11 egate.
- 12 (4) Short-time compensation program.— The term "short-time compensation program" has 13 14 the same meaning given such term under section 15 3306(v) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, in-16 cluding any short-time compensation plan approved 17 by a State pursuant to section 2109(b)(1) of the Re-18 lief for Workers Affected by Coronavirus Act (con-19 tained in subtitle A of title II of division A of the 20 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136)).
- 21 (g) Reports.—Beginning 90 days after the date of 22 enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a quar-23 terly report to the Committees on Appropriations of the 24 House of Representatives and the Senate, as well as the 25 Committee on Financial Services of the House of Rep-

- 1 resentatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
- 2 Urban Affairs of the Senate, regarding the operations of
- 3 the grant program established under this section, includ-
- 4 ing—
- 5 (1) information regarding the size and geo-
- 6 graphic location of eligible employers that have re-
- 7 ceived grants; and
- 8 (2) demographic information with respect to the
- 9 principal owners of such eligible employers.
- 10 (h) Public Awareness Campaign.—The Secretary,
- 11 in coordination with the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary
- 12 of Commerce, and the Administrator of the Small Busi-
- 13 ness Administration, shall conduct a public awareness
- 14 campaign, to be carried out through the Minority Business
- 15 Development Agency of the Department of Commerce and
- 16 women's business centers (as described in section 29 of
- 17 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656)), to provide infor-
- 18 mation and outreach to help underserved businesses par-
- 19 ticipate in short-time compensation programs and the pro-
- 20 gram established under this section.
- 21 (i) APPROPRIATIONS.—Out of any money in the
- 22 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there shall be appro-
- 23 priated such sums as are necessary to carry out the pur-
- 24 poses of this section, to remain available until expended.