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Revised

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3867, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON-LEE OF TEXAS**

Title VI, add at the end the following (and amend the table of contents accordingly):

1 **SEC. ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON SERVICES IN ADVANCE**
2 **OF AN ACT OF TERRORISM, NATURAL DIS-**
3 **ASTER, OR OTHER EMERGENCY.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that the Administrator
5 of the Small Business Administration should—

6 (1) encourage the components of the Adminis-
7 tration, as well as appropriate State and local gov-
8 ernment agencies, to competitively bid and negotiate
9 contracts and prices for services, including debris
10 clearance, distribution of supplies, reconstruction
11 and other assistance, in advance of an act of ter-
12 rorism, natural disaster, or other emergency; and

13 (2) work toward a goal of awarding to qualified
14 firms located in a county, parish, or other unit of
15 local government within the affected area, but only
16 to the extent that the goal does not interfere with
17 the ability of the Administrator to provide timely
18 and effective assistance.