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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Cicilline introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ____________________

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Local News and Emergency Information Act of 2020”.

(Original Signature of Member)
SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM.

Section 7(a)(36)(D) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)(D)) is amended—

(1) in clause (iii)—

(A) by striking “business concern that employs” and inserting the following: “business concern that—

“(I) employs”;

(B) in subclause (I), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(II) is assigned a North American Industry Classification System code beginning with 511110, 515112, or 515120 at the time of disbursal shall be eligible to receive a covered loan for business expenses of the business concern that are associated with an individual physical location of that business concern, provided that—

“(aa) the proceeds of the loan are used to support expenses associated with the continued provision of local news, informa-
tion, content, or emergency information; and

“(bb) at the time of disburseal, the individual physical location does not exceed the size standard established by the Administrator for the applicable code.”;

(2) in clause (iv)—

(A) in subclause (II), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in subclause (III), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(IV) an individual physical location of a business concern that, as of the date on which the covered loan is disbursed, is assigned a North American Industry Classification System code beginning with 511110, 515112, or 515120 and does not exceed the size standard established by the Administrator for the applicable code, provided that, as a condition of the waiver under this subclause, the busi-
ness concern shall not pay, distribute, or otherwise provide the covered loan or any portion of the covered loan to any other entity other than the individual physical location that is the intended recipient of the covered loan.”;

and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(vii) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN BUSINESS CONCERNS.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—A business concern that is assigned a North American Industry Classification System Code beginning with 511110, 515112, or 515120 at the time of disbursement of a covered loan and is a franchisee or affiliate of or owned or controlled by a parent company or an investment company, or management thereof, shall be treated as an independent, non-affiliated entity upon certification to the Administrator that the request for the covered loan is necessary to support expenses associated with the continued provision of
local news, information, content, or emergency information.

“(II) REPORT.—The Administrator and the Secretary of the Treasury shall submit to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate, the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives, and the Congressional Oversight Commission established under section 4020 of division B of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) a report regarding covered loans made to business concerns described in subclause (I).”.