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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3867, AS REPORTED

OFFERED BY MR. WELCH OF VERMONT

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

1 **SEC. ___. STUDY ON EFFECTIVENESS OF HUBZONE PRO-**
2 **GRAM IN REACHING RURAL AREAS.**

3 The Administrator of the Small Business Administra-
4 tion shall carry out a study on the effectiveness of the
5 HUBZone program in reaching rural areas, including
6 whether HUBZone requirements based solely on census
7 tracts may inadvertently disqualify needy communities in
8 small, rural areas. Not later than 6 months after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall sub-
10 mit to Congress a report containing the results of the
11 study and any recommendations that the Administrator
12 considers appropriate for alternative ways to evaluate eli-
13 gibility for HUBZones in rural areas.