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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5819, AS REPORTED

OFFERED BY MS. SUTTON OF OHIO

At the end of title V of the bill, insert the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 **SEC. _____. AREAS WITH HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT PREF-**
2 **ERENCE.**

3 Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638)
4 is further amended by adding at the end the following:
5 "(gg) UNEMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE.—In making
6 awards under this section, Federal agencies shall give pri-
7 ority to applications so as to increase the number of SBIR
8 and STTR award recipients from areas that have an un-
9 employment rate greater than the national average unem-
10 ployment rate for the most recent 12 months for which
11 satisfactory data are available.".