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To direct the Administrator of General Services to establish a program to sell surplus Government motor vehicles to certain small businesses that provide ground transportation service, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

A BILL

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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 “Small Business Trans-
5 portation Investment Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM TO SELL SURPLUS GOVERNMENT MOTOR**
2 **VEHICLES TO SMALL BUSINESSES THAT PRO-**
3 **VIDE GROUND TRANSPORTATION SERVICE.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—Not later than
5 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
6 Administrator of General Services shall establish a pro-
7 gram that offers for purchase one half of the annual inven-
8 tory of motor vehicles that are surplus property from the
9 Federal fleet to a covered small business before offering
10 for purchase to any other buyer.

11 (b) PRICE.—The Administrator shall sell any such
12 motor vehicle to a covered small business for the price that
13 is the lower of the following at the time of sale:

14 (1) At cost, after deducting any cost of admin-
15 istering the program and taking into consideration
16 the depreciation of the motor vehicle.

17 (2) Open market value.

18 (c) TYPE OF MOTOR VEHICLE OFFERED.—The Ad-
19 ministrator shall offer for purchase to a covered small
20 business the motor vehicles that are the largest and most
21 recent fuel-efficient models of the motor vehicles that are
22 surplus property.

23 (d) TERMS OF PURCHASE.—

24 (1) OPERATOR AGREEMENT.—To participate in
25 the program established under subsection (a), the

1 operator of a covered small business shall agree to
2 the following terms:

3 (A) The operator shall use each motor ve-
4 hicle that is purchased through the program to
5 provide ground transportation service.

6 (B) The operator shall continue to use any
7 such motor vehicle to provide ground transpor-
8 tation service for not less than two years after
9 the purchase of the motor vehicle unless the
10 motor vehicle becomes unable to operate during
11 that period.

12 (C) If the operator sells any such motor
13 vehicle before the end of the two-year period,
14 the operator shall reimburse the Administrator
15 in the amount that is the difference between the
16 open market value of the motor vehicle and the
17 amount that the operator paid to the Adminis-
18 trator for the motor vehicle.

19 (D) The operator shall donate not less
20 than one out of every five of such motor vehi-
21 cles to a local nonprofit organization after the
22 motor vehicle is no longer used to provide
23 ground transportation service.

24 (2) MAXIMUM NUMBER OF VEHICLES THAT MAY
25 BE PURCHASED ANNUALLY.—An operator may not

1 purchase through the program established under
2 subsection (a) more than 50 vehicles in any fiscal
3 year.

4 (e) EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN PROPERTY DIS-
5 POSAL REQUIREMENTS.—The program established under
6 subsection (a) shall not be subject to—

7 (1) subchapter IV of chapter 5, title 40, United
8 States Code;

9 (2) sections 545, 549, and 553 of title 40,
10 United States Code;

11 (3) any other provision of law authorizing the
12 no-cost conveyance of motor vehicles owned by the
13 Federal Government; or

14 (4) any congressional notification requirement
15 other than that in subsection (f) of this Act.

16 (f) REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not later
17 than 5 years after the date of the enactment of this sec-
18 tion, the Administrator shall submit to Congress a report
19 that contains the following:

20 (1) A review of the program established under
21 subsection (a).

22 (2) A recommendation to continue or end the
23 program.

24 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
2 trator” means the Administrator of General Serv-
3 ices.

4 (2) COVERED SMALL BUSINESS.—The term
5 “covered small business” means a small business
6 that provides ground transportation service.

7 (3) GROUND TRANSPORTATION SERVICE.—The
8 term “ground transportation service”—

9 (A) means transportation for a passenger
10 that is provided—

11 (i) for compensation; and

12 (ii) in a motor vehicle, including a
13 taxicab, shuttle, over-the-road bus, or lim-
14 ousine; and

15 (B) includes paratransit transportation
16 and non-emergency medical transportation.

17 (4) NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPOR-
18 TATION.—The term “non-emergency medical trans-
19 portation” means the provision of transportation
20 services for individuals who require assistance in
21 traveling to and from medical appointments, treat-
22 ments, or healthcare facilities, but do not require im-
23 mediate emergency medical intervention.

24 (5) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The term
25 “nonprofit organization” means an organization de-

1 scribed in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
2 Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section
3 501(a) of such code.

4 (6) OVER-THE-ROAD BUS.—The term “over-the-
5 road bus” has the meaning given that term in sec-
6 tion 13102 of title 49, United States Code.

7 (7) SMALL BUSINESS.—The term “small busi-
8 ness” has the meaning given the term “small busi-
9 ness concern” in section 3 of the Small Business Act
10 (15 U.S.C. 632).

11 (8) SURPLUS PROPERTY.—The term “surplus
12 property” has the meaning given that term in sec-
13 tion 102 of title 40, United States Code.

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