

3. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
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OR H is DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES.

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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5819
OFFERED BY MR. SESTAK OF PENNSYLVANIA

At the end of title I of the bill, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 1 ____ . PROVIDING EXPLANATIONS TO UNSUCCESS-**
2 **FUL APPLICANTS.**

3 Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638)
4 is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(dd) PROVIDING EXPLANATIONS TO UNSUCCESS-
6 FUL APPLICANTS.—Whenever an entity applies for, but
7 does not receive, an award under an SBIR or STTR pro-
8 gram under this section, the Federal agency conducting
9 the program shall—

10 “(1) in a plain and conspicuous manner, notify
11 that entity that it can request an explanation (which
12 must be of a constructive nature) of the reasons why
13 the entity did not receive the award; and

14 “(2) provide such an explanation to that entity,
15 if the entity so requests.”.

