

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 527
OFFERED BY MR. OWENS OF NEW YORK

Add at the end of the bill the following:

1 SEC. 10. AGENCY PREPARATION OF GUIDES.

2 Section 212(a)(5) the Small Business Regulatory En-
3 forcement Fairness Act of 1996 (5 U.S.C. 601 note) is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 “(5) AGENCY PREPARATION OF GUIDES.—The
6 agency shall, in its sole discretion, taking into ac-
7 count the subject matter of the rule and the lan-
8 guage of relevant statutes, ensure that the guide is
9 written using sufficiently plain language likely to be
10 understood by affected small entities. Agencies may
11 prepare separate guides covering groups or classes of
12 similarly affected small entities and may cooperate
13 with associations of small entities to distribute such
14 guides. In developing guides, agencies shall solicit
15 input from affected small entities or associations of
16 affected small entities. An agency may prepare
17 guides and apply this section with respect to a rule
18 or a group of related rules.”.

