



March 24, 2015

The Honorable Steve Chabot
Chair
Committee on Small Business
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Chabot,

On behalf of Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP), I am writing in support of H.R. 1481, the Small Contractors Improve Competition Act of 2015. WIPP is a national, nonpartisan public policy organization advocating on behalf of its coalition of 4.7 million business women including 75 business organizations. Ensuring that women-owned businesses succeed in the federal marketplace is at the core of our work. By fostering fair competition that is inclusive of women-owned small businesses, this legislation aligns with our efforts.

The Small Contractors Improve Competition Act addresses a wide range of current contracting issues by improving the SBA goaling process, ensuring data quality and justification on bundled contracts, limiting reverse auctions, enhancing SBA's adjudication and training roles, and clarifying procurement rules affecting specific industries. Since 2011, through hearings and roundtables, WIPP raised many of these issues to the House Small Business Committee and is in support of the solutions put forward in this legislation.

Improving the contracting environment translates to more opportunities for women-owned small businesses. It is through these opportunities that WIPP members can thrive and grow, contributing billions of dollars to the U.S. economy. Our education platforms, like Give Me 5, and outreach efforts, like the ChallengeHER program, prepare women in increasing numbers to contract with the federal government. Thank you for your support of the women's business community.

Sincerely,

Barbara Kasoff, President
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