



October 22, 2013

The Honorable Don Young  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Young:

The Business Coalition for Fair Competition (BCFC), a national coalition of businesses, associations, taxpayer organizations and think tanks that are committed to reducing all forms of unfair government created, sponsored and provided competition with the private sector, strongly supports your amendment to H.R. 3080, the "Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013".

Your amendment will help eliminate costly, unfair and inefficient government duplication of and competition with the private sector. It requires the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to contract with private sector surveying and mapping firms, wherever practical, in the performance of surveying and mapping services and activities for Corps projects. The amendment also requires the Secretary to issue agency guidance to encourage use of the private sector for surveying and mapping services, and requires a process to provide oversight of the performance of compliance with the guidance.

Each time there has been a White House Conference on Small Business, one of the top issues identified by American entrepreneurs is unfair government-sponsored competition with the private sector.

Numerous studies have found there is a capable and qualified private sector in the surveying and mapping field and government agencies should increase utilization of these firms in lieu of an in-house build up.

Your amendment does **NOT** affect inherently governmental activities; it only requires increased utilization of the private sector, including small business, for surveying and mapping activities that are commercial in nature.

BCFC believes the free enterprise system is the most productive and efficient provider of goods and services and strongly supports the federal government utilizing the private sector for commercially available products and services to the maximum extent possible. Your amendment will help support that goal. Should there be a recorded vote on your amendment, BCFC will score it on its 113<sup>th</sup> Congress vote rating.

We commend you for your leadership and urge the House to support your amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Palatiello". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being particularly prominent.

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