

December 12, 2019

The Honorable Gary Peters
Ranking Member
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee
U.S. Senate
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ranking Member Peters,

We are writing to express support for the Promoting Rigorous and Innovative Cost Efficiencies for Federal Procurement and Acquisitions (PRICE) Act of 2019. We know this important piece of legislation will bring clarity to our small business owners by providing concrete examples of success and best practices for utilizing small businesses in acquisitions government-wide.

Small business participation in the federal marketplace is key to ensuring a strong industrial base. However, small businesses find that agencies continue to be reluctant to utilize small business programs. The PRICE Act of 2019 addresses this prevailing issue by requiring the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to convene the existing Chief Acquisition Officers Council (CAOC) to identify and disseminate best practices in non-defense small business contracting in the federal government. Additionally, the CAOC would be required to solicit public input and engage with governmental and nongovernmental experts. This complements the Small Business Administration's advocacy efforts to increase small business utilization – the CAOC is the driving force, along with the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) at OMB, behind setting trends on government buying of goods and services.

The PRICE Act would positively impact the way in which this valuable information is gathered and shared with the public and across the federal government. We applaud that findings would not only be posted on a website, but the CAOC would be required to submit a report to Congress with recommendations regarding its findings and its plan for dissemination of this information. The PRICE Act would provide increased opportunities for our small businesses by educating the acquisition workforce on utilizing small business programs.

Thank you for championing this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

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HUBZone Contractors National Council
Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce
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