



June 5, 2017

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

The Honorable Nydia Velazquez  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Small Business  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chair Chabot and Ranking Member Velazquez:

On behalf of Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP), I am writing in support of H.R. 2594, the “Small Business Payment for Performance Act of 2017.” WIPP is a national, nonpartisan organization advocating on behalf of women entrepreneurs. Ensuring that women-owned businesses succeed in the federal market is at the core of our work.

This legislation addresses current contracting issues by implementing protections that allow small business federal contractors to get paid in a timely manner for change orders. H.R. 2594 would be beneficial for women-owned businesses, as the bill would allow contractors to bill an agency for completed work under change orders.

Improving the contracting environment translates to increased opportunities for women-owned small businesses. It is through these opportunities that women-owned businesses can thrive and grow, while contributing \$1.4 trillion dollars to the U.S. economy. Our education platforms, Give Me 5 and ChallengeHER, prepare women in increasing numbers to contract with the federal government. WIPP supports H.R. 2594, the “Small Business Payment for Performance Act of 2017,” because it will provide women-owned businesses with greater protection in the federal market.

Thank you for your support of the women’s business community.

Sincerely,

Jane Campbell, President  
Women Impacting Public Policy