

As a small business person located in the District of Columbia for twenty years my position on the **Procurement Reform Act of 2010**; IS; that the bill not be passed or voted on in with its current content. I oppose this **Bill/Amendment** for several reasons;

It is a known fact that small and local businesses are the ones who hire the local taxpaying citizens, small business are the entity that provide the opportunities for our DC residents to receive training and education which allows our residents the opportunity for advancement. , small and local business is a major part of our cities economy which creates; tax dollars for our city. Small and local businesses accounted for over 50 percent of jobs in the US. That percentage for jobs in the District is slightly higher.

Already OCP has cancelled contracts for many small and local businesses in the District who provide Office Supplies, Office Furniture, Temporary Staffing and IT services. Over 100 local businesses, which pay local taxes, have already had to release some of their district employees now they are among the unemployment ranks.

The Procurement Reform Act of 2010 proposes to exclude multiple areas of service and supplies from competition. This amounts to the office of contracts and procurement being able to select a vendor or contractor to provide a service or supply without any open or transparent competition and this selection is not subject to any review by any one that includes the city council.

Under the Procurement Organization Section of the P.R.A. 2010 O.C.P. will become an agency delegated by the Mayor. It is currently an independent service agency and should not be subject to any political pressure from the Mayor.

Under the Procurement Organization Section of the P.R.A. 2010 if the City Council approves a multiyear contract in excess of 1 million dollars it has no authority to review or question that contract for the length of its term. Which could be five years?

Under the Procurement Definitions Section of the P.R.A. 2010 a new line item has been added Cooperative Purchasing which means DC can buy goods or services from any state, county, or city government in the US that holds and existing contract with any vendor. Again side stepping the local business that have contracts with the regional governments in the DMV under the C.O.G. Contract agreement

Under the Procurement Protest Procedures Section of the P.R.A. 2010. Any company who files a protest shall post a protest bond to in an amount equal to 5% of the estimated contract amount. This will unfairly restrict small businesses from filing a protest.

Under the Procurement Contract Formation Section of the P.R.A. 2010. OCP intends to decrease the public notice period for invitation for bids, and Competitive sealed bids from 21 days to 14 days. This is not an industry norm it usually 30 days.

Thank You for listening to my testimony.

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