

Remarks of Rep. Dan Meuser on the Corrective Action Report Oversight and Accountability Act (Gluesenkamp-Perez/Meuser)

Thank you Mr. Chairman. I rise today to speak in support of my colleague, Ms. Gluesenkamp-Perez's bill, the Corrective Action Report Oversight and Accountability Act.

The Small Business Administration is responsible for reporting on the small business contracting activities for the government. This committee heard in May directly from small business contractors about declining small business participation in government contracting. Step one to identifying a solution is to fully understand just how bad the problem is.

This bill requires the SBA to include additional reporting metrics to make available more relevant and accurate contracting data. Federal government agencies have historically failed to meet their contracting goals across a broad range of categories of small businesses.

The additional reporting requirements in this legislation will assist Congress in conducting better oversight over small business contracting and procurement practices. This legislation will also provide Congress with insight into deficiencies in small business contracting and better inform future actions necessary to correct these deficiencies.

I thank my colleague Ms. Gluesenkamp-Perez for working with me on this legislation and urge a yes on it's passage.

I yield back my time.