

March 3, 2025

The Honorable Roger Williams Chairman House Small Business Committee Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Nydia Velazquez Ranking Member House Small Business Committee Washington, D.C.

Dear Chairman Williams, Ranking Member Velazquez, and members of the House Small Business Committee,

On behalf of Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP), we write in strong support of the WOSB Accountability Act. This critical legislation advances the participation of women-owned small businesses (WOSBs) in the federal marketplace, helping to ensure that women entrepreneurs have fair access to government contracting opportunities.

For decades, WIPP has championed policies that remove barriers for women entrepreneurs and strengthen WOSBs' ability to compete for federal contracts. The federal government has long set a goal of awarding at least 5% of its contracting dollars to WOSBs. However, despite recent progress, this goal has only been met twice in nearly 30 years (2015, 2019). Achieving and maintaining this target is essential to creating a stronger procurement process and fostering economic growth driven by women-owned businesses.

Importantly, the contracts awarded to WOSBs have not been the result of set-asides but of women competing and winning in the federal marketplace. Women entrepreneurs continue to demonstrate their ability to provide high-quality products and services to the government, yet systemic barriers remain. This bill would ensure that more WOSBs have access to contracting opportunities, resources, and training needed to expand their businesses and contribute meaningfully to our economy.

The WOSB Accountability Act represents a necessary step toward closing the opportunity gap for WOSBs and will empower more women to enter and succeed in federal contracting.

We urge you to support this bill and ensure that women entrepreneurs are fully included in federal procurement opportunities.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to fostering opportunities for women-owned businesses to thrive. We look forward to working with you to advance policies that support women-owned businesses and drive economic growth.

Sincerely,

Angela Dingle President and CEO Women Impacting Public Policy

Cc: members of the House Small Business Committee