

July 14, 2025

The Honorable Nick LaLota
Chairman, Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Gil Cisneros
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure
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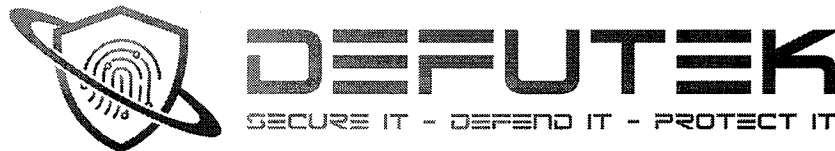
Subject: Statement for the Record - Hearing: "Leveling the Playing Field: Fostering Opportunities for Small Business Contractors" (July 8, 2025)

Dear Chairman LaLota and Ranking Member Cisneros,

I am writing on behalf of Defutek, Inc, a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) based in Cocoa, Florida, to provide a statement for the record for the July 8, 2025, hearing titled "Leveling the Playing Field: Fostering Opportunities for Small Business Contractors." As a small business specializing in cybersecurity, IT infrastructure, and program management services, we appreciate the opportunity to share our perspective on the challenges and opportunities in the federal marketplace. We urge the Subcommittee to protect policies that ensure small businesses like ours can compete fairly, particularly in light of the ongoing Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) overhaul and the potential elimination of the Rule of Two.

Defutek, Inc, founded in 2016, delivers mission-critical services to clients such as the Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, and local state and city governments. As we actively work to grow and expand our capabilities, with certifications including CMMC Level 1 and operations under NAICS codes 541511, 541512, and 541519, we provide secure, innovative solutions. However, as a small business, we face significant challenges, including intense competition from larger firms with greater resources and complex compliance requirements that strain our limited administrative capacity.

The potential removal of the Rule of Two is a critical concern, as it represents the only way that small businesses like ours can remain competitive in the federal marketplace. Since the FAR Council has indicated that provisions not codified in the U.S. Code may be excluded from future versions of the FAR, it is imperative to codify the Rule of Two. Without this policy, agencies may favor unrestricted competitions, which often disadvantage small businesses that lack the scale to compete with large contractors. This could severely limit opportunities for SDVOSBs and other small businesses, hindering our growth efforts, reducing diversity, and stifling innovation in federal procurement. Additionally, the FAR overhaul introduces uncertainty. While modernization is needed, changes must not increase regulatory burdens or weaken small business protections.



To protect the Rule of Two, we encourage you to support H.R. 2804—The Protecting Small Business Competitions Act of 2025—which, among other provisions, aims to make the Rule of Two a mandatory requirement for all federal agencies. We believe this important legislation will:

- Maintain fair competition for small businesses by eliminating ambiguity in procurement practices, thereby enhancing their ability to succeed and remain active in the federal marketplace.
- Enhance innovation and government performance by allowing the government to recruit and retain small enterprises that bring new solutions, innovation, and talent to government missions.
- Promote economic growth by providing small businesses with predictability and stable revenue streams, helping them grow, hire, and contribute to their local economy.

Again, we encourage your support of this important legislation. We are grateful for the Subcommittee's commitment to small business contractors and for this opportunity to share our perspective. Defutek, Inc stands ready to collaborate with Congress to promote policies that ensure small businesses can thrive in the federal marketplace. Please contact me at tj.delmarco@defutek.net or (719) 367-4161 for any questions or further information.

Sincerely,

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