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

The Honorable Gil Cisneros
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure
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Re: Hearing: "Leveling the Playing Field: The State of Small Business Contracting" (July 8, 2025).

We wish to voice our support regarding the "Rule of Two" as it applies to federal contracting. CARLNTech is a small, veteran owned, 8(a) reseller of IT products. While we have been successful with state and local government entities, we have had very little success with the federal government over the last 7 years.

It is very difficult for a small business to engage with the federal government. Eliminating the "Rule of Two" would only make it harder.

At a minimum, we request that you preserve the "Rule of Two" as it applies to the VA, and perhaps expand the "Rule of Two" to apply to at least Veteran-Owned businesses engaging all other federal agencies. There is nothing unconstitutional about supporting Veteran-Owned businesses.

Thank you for your support of American small businesses. Please help us to help you preserve the supply chain and thwart adversaries who know they can disrupt American success by targeting a handful of very large defense contractors. It would be an advantage to spread US federal procurement more widely across a larger number of businesses, and the largest pool available is small businesses.

Respectfully,

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