



January 12, 2016

The Honorable Steve Chabot, Chairman
House Committee on Small Business
United States House of Representatives
2371 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Chabot:

On behalf of the National Small Business Association (NSBA), I am pleased to support the *Defending America's Small Contractors Act of 2016 (H.R. 4341)*, which would clarify some of the regulations surrounding government contracting as well as increase opportunities for small businesses to bid on prime contracts and subcontracts. Representing more than 65,000 small-business owners across the nation, NSBA is the nation's oldest nonpartisan small business advocacy organization and greatly appreciates your leadership on such an important issue for the business community.

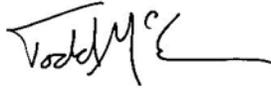
NSBA is supportive of the many changes to government contracting the House Small Business Committee worked to include in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 and recognizes your continued efforts to help small businesses become government contractors. Small businesses infuse the federal procurement system with much needed competition, expertise and innovation while providing high-quality goods and services to federal agencies.

Through simplification of the regulatory environment and creating more accountability for contracting agencies, H.R. 4341 would facilitate more small businesses to bid on contracts, and in turn, aid the government in reaching their small business contracting goals. NSBA is pleased with the bills directive to create a pilot program for small-business subcontractors to get a past performance rating which can be used for bidding on prime contracts.

NSBA believes that small businesses drive innovation and job creation across the country when given the opportunity to truly compete and thrive. They deserve their fair share of federal contracting dollars and the opportunity to compete on a level playing field. NSBA continues to support common sense reforms and government policies that promote and facilitate small business participation in the federal marketplace.

To that end, NSBA supports the Defending America's Small Contractors Act of 2016. Thank you for your continued leadership on this critical issue and I look forward to the approval of this legislation by the Small Business Committee and working with you to bring H.R. 4341 to the House floor for consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd McCracken". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "T" and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Todd O. McCracken
President

Cc: House Speaker Paul Ryan