



June 11, 2010

The Honorable John Kerry  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Kerry,

We are writing to urge your support for S.3399, the Fairness in Women-Owned Small Business Contracting Act of 2010. Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP) is a national, bi-partisan organization that represents forty-nine national organizations and over half a million women and minority business owners, many of whom are federal contractors.

The bill would make important changes to strengthen the women's procurement program and put it on equal footing with other socioeconomic programs administered by the Small Business Administration (SBA). S.3399 would permit contracting officers to award sole source contracts and lift the restrictive cap of \$5 million for manufacturing and \$3 million for goods and services which would qualify for the program. The bill also calls for a 5 year review of data which determines eligibility for the program. This will ensure that the maximum number of industries will qualify for participation in the program. The changes contained in S. 3399 will substantially aid the federal government in meeting its 5% women-owned contracting goal, a goal that the federal government has never met.

We urge you to cosponsor this important legislation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact WIPP's Government Relations, Ann Sullivan, at (202) 626-8528.

Sincerely,

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