



WIPP SECURES VICTORY – HOUSE PASSES SMALL BUSINESS BILL

Washington, D.C. – September 23, 2010 – Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP) applauds the House for passing the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010, H.R. 5297, clearing the way for the President’s signature.

“Women-owned businesses need loans, the ability to win federal contracts, tax relief, and a tax break if they are self-employed and purchase health insurance for themselves and their family — all of which this bill addresses,” said Barbara Kasoff, President of Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP). “We have been working for years on changing these policies, and to think that they are all in one piece of legislation is nothing short of remarkable,” said Kasoff.

To read a full summary of H.R. 5297, please [click here](#).

Women business owners are a powerful economic force. We have an economic impact of \$3 trillion annually, which translates into the creation and maintenance of more than 23 million jobs. This is sixteen (16) percent of all U.S. jobs. If women-owned firms had their own country, we would have the 5th largest GDP in the world, ahead of countries such as France, United Kingdom, and Italy.

Access to capital, federal procurement, and tax relief remain top priorities for women-owned small businesses. These issues are highlighted in WIPP’s Economic Blueprint, which will be released during the WIPP 2010 Annual Leadership Conference being held on September 28. The Blueprint serves as WIPP’s voice regarding challenges unique to small businesses that require action by our elected officials.

Women Impacting Public Policy is a national nonpartisan group with over half-a-million members. WIPP is the collective voice in Washington, D.C., for 51 national women and small business organizations. WIPP advocates for and on behalf of women and minorities in business in the legislative process of our nation, creating economic opportunities for members and building alliances with other small business organizations.

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