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This is Congressman Nick Rahall.

I have recently expressed my support for the Small Business Competitive Procurement Act of 1983.

This measure has two aims--to increase small business participation in federal procurement; and to reduce waste and fraud that has characterized procurement at the Department of Defense for many years.

Increased small business participation in government contracts means more competition. More competition means lower prices to government agencies, and ultimately, lower costs to the American taxpayers.

This bill sets up a review process to insure that competent small businesses are not excluded from federal government contract bidding, an important step in revitalizing our nation's economy, in which small businesses play such a vital role.

This is your Congressman Nick Rahall.