

September 28, 2017

The Honorable Ron Johnson
Chair
Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Claire McCaskill
Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security and
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Dear Chairman Johnson and Ranking Member McCaskill:

On behalf of the organizations listed below, we are writing in strong support of President Trump's nomination of Emily Webster Murphy to be the Administrator of the General Services Administration (GSA).

Ms. Murphy's acquisition knowledge and experience is unparalleled. In her previous roles in the House of Representatives, she exhibited the ability to balance the acquisition needs of large, midsize and small companies with respect to fairness in federal contracting. The small business community, in particular, has benefited from her work to improve the acquisition environment, enabling more small businesses to succeed. She encouraged many improvements, such as an expanded mentor protégé program, more effective subcontracting rules and a host of other changes which strengthened our nation's industrial base. Ms. Murphy's detailed understanding of federal acquisition rules, GSA's important role in federal spending through its schedule program, and the Public Buildings Service will be an asset to the agency.

Ms. Murphy boasts extensive experience in the public and private sector making her the ideal candidate for this role. Her previous work at GSA as its Chief Acquisition Officer and contracting counsel in the private sector gives her a breadth of experience which will be an asset in guiding the agency.

We urge the Committee to confirm Emily Webster Murphy expeditiously and look forward to working with her.

Sincerely,

Association of Women's Business Centers
California Association for Microenterprise Opportunity
HUBZone Contractors National Council

Information Technology Alliance for Public Sector
Mechanical Contractors Association
Minority Business Roundtable, Roger Campos
Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce
National Defense Industrial Association
National Roofing Contractors Association
National Small Business Association
Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association, Inc.
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council
Vietnam Veterans of America
Women Impacting Public Policy
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs