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Hillary Clinton: Privatizer

Reston, VA, March 11, 2015 - With former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton recognizing the benefits of private sector over government-provided email, the [Business Coalition for Fair Competition \(BCFC\)](http://www.governmentcompetition.org) today welcomed the potential 2016 Presidential candidate's entry into a national discussion on the size of government and the articulation of more of her ideas on privatization.

"Some 1.2 million Federal employees, or half of the Federal workforce, are in jobs that are commercial in nature, according to the latest Office of Management and Budget figures," said BCFC President John Palatiello. "Most of these jobs and functions have never been analyzed for potential private sector performance. With so many opportunities for privatization, we look forward to Mrs. Clinton laying out what other programs, activities and functions she will privatize if elected President."

Studies have shown that privatization not only lowers costs, but enhances quality of services, enables better workforce management, spurs innovation, improves performance and accountability, gives government access to new and emerging technology, and contributes efficiency and flexibility.

"By selecting a private sector email provider rather than the government, Secretary Clinton surely was seeking one or more of these benefits. If elected President, we would look forward to an aggressive Clinton Administration program to apply asset sales, contracting out, divestiture, franchising, concessions, employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs), public-private partnerships and other privatization strategies to the vast Federal enterprise that can and should be performed in the private sector," Palatiello said.

"Today, federal employees are still making maps, designing roads, managing web sites, writing software, serving meals, mowing lawns, painting walls, washing clothes, and doing thousands of other tasks that have little to do with governing. The government is the nation's largest banker, insurer, homeowner, landlord, utility provider, and bus, transit, and passenger train operator," Palatiello noted.

"With an annual deficit of almost \$500 billion and a national debt of \$18 trillion, we cannot afford to perpetuate inefficient bureaucracies and have government doing things better left to private enterprise. We welcome Mrs. Clinton's view on implementing a "'Yellow Pages' Test", whereby if government is doing something that can also be obtained from a private company listed in the Yellow Pages, it is reviewed and subject to market competition to determine if service quality, cost, and innovation can be improved through the private sector. Her recognition of the advantage of private sector utilization should lead to more of her privatization ideas," the BCFC chief said.

"The late New York governor Mario Cuomo once said. 'It is not the role of government to provide services. It is the role of government to see to it that services are provided'. We look forward to hearing how Mrs. Clinton will apply this sound principle," Palatiello concluded.

About BCFC

The Business Coalition for Fair Competition (BCFC) is a national coalition of businesses, associations, taxpayer organizations and think tanks that are committed to reducing all forms of unfair government created, sponsored and provided competition with the private sector. BCFC believes the free enterprise system is the most productive and efficient provider of goods and services and strongly supports the Federal government utilizing the private sector for commercially available products and services to the maximum extent possible.

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