

Testimonials FOR Jenkins (KS) Amendment #135

Davy Leghorn, Assistant Director of the Economic Division, American Legion & Billy Jenkins, Chairman of the Small Business Task Force, American Legion

"The American Legion approves Congresswoman Jenkins' proposed amendment. The practice of converting functions and services that have been performed by contractors with government employees, limits the amount of contracts that can go to the private sector to stimulate and grow the veteran small business industrial base. When the government takes a couple of positions away from a small business, they are essentially crippling the small business' ability to succeed in the private sector. These practices primarily affect small businesses as large contractors are rarely affected by insourcing policy because of their size and number of employees."

Scott Denniston, Executive Director, National Veteran Small Business Coalition (NVSBC)

"The National Veteran Small Business Coalition (NVSBC) has seen the negative effect of Insourcing on veteran and service disabled veteran small businesses over the last few years. Veterans who have fought for this government should not have to compete for business opportunities with the same government who ordered them in harm's way."

Kevin Schwalb, Vice President Government Affairs, Textile Rental Services Association (TRSA)

"In its 1996 examination of the issue, the Center for Naval Analyses likewise found benefits of competing work. The visibility and identification of alternate providers were beneficial aspects of the process identified by the Center. As a bottom line, the Center for Naval Analyses determined a 30% average savings resulted from this beneficial focus on competition, with savings persisting over time. A leaner, more efficient government is a worthy goal, and Rep. Jenkins (KS) Amendment #135 is a means to achieve this goal."

John Byrd, Government Affairs Manager, MAPPS

"We have seen insourcing take place beyond 'inherently governmental' activities such as commercial activities like mapping and geospatial activities. The Jenkins Amendment is the fairest approach by helping defend business opportunities for the private sector, including small business."

Larry Hart, Director of Government Relations, American Conservative Union (ACU)

"The Jenkins Amendment is essential to stopping the government goliath from gobbling up jobs that belong in the private sector. Rather than wringing our hands over slow growth and the lack of good paying jobs, we should start by protecting existing private sector jobs from further 'insourcing' by this Administration. This amendment will help do that."

Aloysius Hogan, Senior Fellow and Labor Policy Expert, Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI)

"A leaner, more efficient government is a worthy goal. Competitive sourcing provides important, demonstrable benefits for our business workforce, our economy, and our government's efficiency. The Competitive Enterprise Institute supports Rep. Lynn Jenkins' insourcing-and-outsourcing-related amendment to achieve that goal."

John Palatiello, President, Business Coalition for Fair Competition (BCFC)

"The Jenkins Amendment is the 'yellow pages test' personified. This amendment 1) prevents the outright conversion of "commercial activities" from private sector firms into DOD performance; 2) requires an official cost accounting be performed and documented to identify whether DOD performance is more cost effective than the private sector contractor; and 3) helps protect private sector firms, including small business, from losing contracts taken away unfairly by the Federal government."