

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Ms. Lurita Doan
GSA Administrator
U.S. General Services Administration
1800 F Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20405-0002

Dear Administrator Doan:

It has been brought to our attention that the General Services Administration (GSA) is planning to eliminate office supplies from its Global Supply Stock Program. The continued presence of the Stock Program's office products creates a vital and readily accessible resource to all government agencies for their various supply needs. The Stock Program currently has multiple small businesses that provide office products to depots across the nation for stockpiling in the event of an emergency.

Under your proposal, office supplies would be eliminated from the Stock Program and we are concerned that these services will be allocated to a handful of larger business supply companies. At present, approximately 80 percent of the office supply procurements for the Stock Program are directed to small businesses. Therefore, any change to this program that does not fully and properly take into account the detrimental impact on small business greatly concerns us.

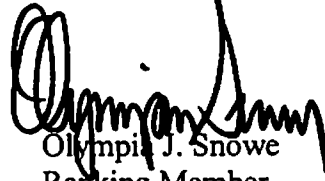
Before GSA moves forward, we request that you refrain from terminating the office supplies from the Stock Program until Congress has had a chance to review this matter in greater detail and consider potential detrimental economic impacts to small businesses. We are also concerned about the impact this will have on our Nation's emergency readiness capabilities and our Country's ability to react quickly to major disasters. Therefore, before GSA eliminates any items from the depot, we would like to fully understand the impacts of such a move.

In light of our concerns, we will soon request that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) study what impact removing office products from the Stock Program will have on the many small business suppliers that currently participate in the Stock Program and our Country's emergency preparedness. We appreciate your confirming for us, within 30 days of receipt of this letter, that you will suspend any efforts to change the Stock Program with respect to office supplies until the matter has been independently evaluated by the nonpartisan GAO.

Thank you and we look forward to your prompt reply on this matter.



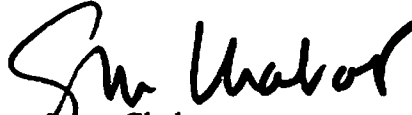
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