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## Summary of Key Small Business Legislative Priorities in 109<sup>th</sup> Congress Now Available from the NWBC *Health Care, Procurement are Top Concerns*

**Washington, DC**—The National Women’s Business Council announces the publication of a new *Issue in Brief*, “*Legislative Priorities Among Key Women’s and Small Business Organizations*,” that highlights the top issues of importance to women’s business and small business organizations meriting legislative consideration in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress. Key among them are health care; economic equity and tax reform; government procurement; social security reform; technology and telecommunications; legal and regulatory reform; retirement and pensions; global markets; and access to capital.

In compiling this summary of key legislative priorities, the NWBC researched Web sites and position papers sent to Congress and contacted key organization representatives to query them about their areas of concentration for the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress. Ten top women’s business and small business associations were included in this summary: Business and Professional Women USA; National Association for the Self Employed; National Association of Women Business Owners; National Federation of Independent Business; National Small Business Association; Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council; U.S. Chamber of Commerce; U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Women Entrepreneurs Inc.; and Women Impacting Public Policy.

“This is important information for the Council, which is charged with advising Congress on policy issues of importance to women business owners,” said Marilyn Carlson Nelson, chair of the National Women’s Business Council and Chairman & CEO of Carlson Companies. “It’s also important to women business owners themselves, who increasingly have the ability to use their collective clout through these organizations to effect positive change in all of these areas.”

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The *Issue in Brief* includes a brief overview of each of the nine top issues, as well as a matrix of issues and organizations depicting in an easy-to-read fashion what organizations are focusing on what issues.

The complete *Issue in Brief* can be found at the NWBC's Web site at:

<http://www.nwbc.gov/ResearchPublications/issuesBrief.html>.

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