



## COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

### ***H.R. 2915, the “Homeland Procurement Reform Act (HOPR Act)” As Introduced by Representative J. Luis Correa (D-CA) and Representative Brian Mast (R-FL)***

#### **Endorsed by the Warrior Protection & Readiness Coalition**

***H.R. 2915, the Homeland Procurement Reform Act (HOPR Act)***, aims to support U.S. small businesses by increasing the ability of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to purchase high-quality, American-made uniforms and personal protective equipment for frontline personnel. Specifically, the HOPR Act would:

- Require that, to the maximum extent possible, at least one-third of the funds obligated for the procurement of uniforms and protective equipment covered by the HOPR Act be used to purchase goods manufactured by entities that qualify as a U.S. small business.
- Reforms the way DHS procures uniform and protective equipment to support the needs of mission-critical agencies in the Department.
- Incentivizes the procurement of higher-quality uniforms and equipment issued to the men and women charged with protecting the homeland.
- Ensure uniforms and protective equipment are purchased at fair and reasonable prices.
- Establish a stable demand for protective equipment to support investments made in reshoring domestic manufacturing for critical supplies.
- Strengthen supply chain security by mandating locked storage, reports of stolen goods, and the destruction of defective or unusable items for any item bearing official DHS insignia not manufactured in the U.S.
- Direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a study of the adequacy of uniform allowances provided to Department frontline personnel to determine what improvements can be made to current uniform allowances, including increasing allowances.

**H.R. 2915, HOPR Act** is necessary to ensure domestically sourced, high-quality uniforms and protective equipment for DHS frontline personnel and level the playing field as American small businesses compete for Federal government contracts. American small businesses employ nearly fifty percent of the private sector workforce, but they received less than twenty-six percent of Federal government contracts in fiscal year 2019.<sup>1</sup> This legislation is also a step in the right direction to reduce the nation's dependence on foreign-made personal protective equipment that was exposed during the COVID-19 pandemic. **The Act, which is the companion to S. 1009, as introduced by Senators Shaheen (D-NH), Hassan (D-NH), Moran (R-KS), and Rounds (R-SD), is endorsed by the Warrior Protection & Readiness Coalition and a previous version was passed by the House by voice vote in June 2019.**

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Small Business Admin., *Frequently Asked Questions* (October 2020), <https://cdn.advocacy.sba.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/05122043/Small-Business-FAQ-2020.pdf>.