



January 31, 2017

The Speaker of the House of Representatives
United States Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of the members of the IT Alliance for Public Sector (ITAPS), I write to voice our strong support for H. J. Res. 37, introduced by Congresswoman Virginia Foxx, that disapproves of Executive Order (EO) 13673, the Blacklisting EO. We encourage your support when the bill comes to the House floor for a vote this Thursday, February 2nd.

The Blacklisting EO was a misguided effort to identify companies with “willful and repeated” violations of a specified list of federal and state statutes and regulations that would prohibit them from being eligible for contract award in the federal market. Unfortunately, the regulatory compliance construct that has been implemented is redundant to existing enforcement authority the Department of Labor already possesses and creates a tremendous and unmanageable compliance for all government contractors without delivering enhanced enforcement or value for the taxpayer.

Due to these and other concerns, on October 24, 2016, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas granted a preliminary injunction that stops the implementation of this order. While we applaud efforts to root out bad actors in all contracting efforts and to afford an equitable competitive environment in the federal market, this proposal did not deliver on that objective.

We applaud Congresswoman Foxx’s effort to roll back this EO and urge your support on Thursday when it comes before the full House. Should you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact Jonathan Clifford, Director of National Security, at jclifford@itic.org or (202) 524-5542. We appreciate your attention to this important issue.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A.R. Hodgkins" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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cc: The House Majority Leader, Kevin McCarthy
The House Majority Whip, Steve Scalise
The House Democratic Leader, Nancy Pelosi
The House Minority Whip, Steny Hoyer
Chairwoman, the Committee on Education and the Workforce, Virginia Foxx
Chairman, the Small Business Committee, Steve Chabot