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January 12, 2024

The Honorable Jasmine Crockett
U.S. House of Representatives
1616 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Crockett:

This letter is in response to your letter dated December 11, 2023, regarding the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service's ("Center") use of AbilityOne procurement services as required under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act.

The Center is a small legislative branch agency with five full time employees and an annual budget of roughly \$1.5 million. Because of this small size and budget, the Center has not had a dedicated procurement team and, therefore, does not have any statistics it can share regarding past procurement purchases. The Center, however, is committed to collecting and providing this data going forward. The Center has already begun to restructure its procurement process to utilize one employee who is tasked with ensuring compliance of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act and collect all future procurement data. Furthermore, because of the Center's statutory mission to promote public service, the Center commits to utilizing AbilityOne's nonprofit network in excess of its statutory requirements whenever practicable.

The Center is also committed to working with the AbilityOne Commission on general contracting needs when they are not being met by the nonprofit network. The same employee who will serve as the Center's procurement specialist will also serve as the Center's point of contact with the Commission. Given the nature and scope of the Center's work, we do not anticipate such needs to occur frequently, but the Center is committed to working with the Commission whenever they arise.

The Center appreciates the opportunity to respond to your concerns. If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter, I or the Center's General Counsel, Eric Jones, are available at (662) 325-8409 or (202) 546-1837, respectively.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Marcus J. Molinaro
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1207 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Molinaro:

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The Honorable Dina Titus
U.S. House of Representatives
2464 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Titus:

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The Honorable Robert J. Wittman
U.S. House of Representatives
2055 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Wittman:

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The Honorable Gwen S. Moore
U.S. House of Representatives
2252 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Moore:

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