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The Honorable Jasmine Crockett
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Robert J. Wittman
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The Honorable Marcus J. Molinaro
U.S. House of Representatives
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U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Dina Titus
U.S. House of Representatives
2464 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Representatives:

Thank you for contacting the United States Capitol Police (USCP or Department) regarding the Department's participation in the AbilityOne program. The Department agrees that equal opportunities for Americans with disabilities must be a priority within federal workplaces. Below you will find responses to your questions along with an overview about the USCP's plan to expand participation in this program.

The USCP has its own procurement authority, separate from the procurement authority of the Executive Branch. It is the USCP's policy to follow the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) as a guide in the procurement of goods and services unless a deviation is determined to be in the best interest of the Agency. While the USCP does not currently have any established contracts with AbilityOne, the Department does engage with small businesses and is interested in potentially directing more opportunities to AbilityOne as needs dictate. The Department will also evaluate its data collection efforts as the Department considers additional marketing opportunities for AbilityOne products and services.

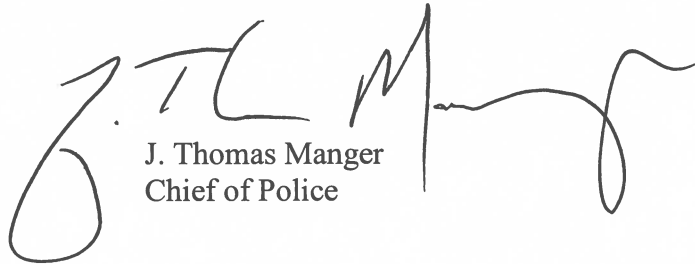
The USCP Office of Acquisition Management is in the process of updating the Department's public facing website (uscg.gov) to provide vendors with instructions on "*How to do business with the Capitol Police*." The goal is to advertise to firms that have the ability to support both current and future capabilities and needs of the Department. To further enhance the Department's procurement transparency, the USCP plans to partner with the Legislative Branch

agencies in recurring Acquisition Exchange days, which will provide opportunities to share best practices and prompt additional industry outreach activities, in collaboration with the Small Business Administration and communities.

As requested, the USCP will commit to designating a representative to liaise with an AbilityOne Representative. To begin facilitation, the Department's Lead Procurement Analyst will contact the AbilityOne Representative to open dialogue regarding potential opportunities. As previously mentioned, the Department is committed to considering and exploring additional marketing opportunities for AbilityOne products and believes this partnership with AbilityOne will prove to be successful in future procurements.

Again, thank you for your letter. The Department welcomes any further opportunities to remain engaged with Congress as you continue to consider Legislative Branch participation in AbilityOne. Should you have any further questions, please contact Chief Administrative Officer Magdalena Boynton at (202) 593-3500.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Thomas Manger', is written over the printed name and title. The signature is stylized with a large initial 'J' and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke.

J. Thomas Manger
Chief of Police