

May 8, 2009

Senator Barbara Mikulski
503 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20010

Representative John Sarbanes
426 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Senator Mikulski and Representative Sarbanes:

The undersigned labor unions greatly appreciate your leadership on federal sourcing issues and introduction of The CLEAN UP Act, a bill that would ensure that agencies begin cleaning up the mess created by years of indiscriminate privatization. Your legislation wisely builds on bipartisan provisions that were included in the FY09 Omnibus Appropriations Act.

The CLEAN UP Act would ensure that agencies bring back in-house functions that should always be performed by federal employees—from awarding contracts and overseeing contractors to developing regulations, policies, reorganizations, and budgets in a comprehensive and thoughtful manner.

The CLEAN UP Act would ensure that agencies consider insourcing new functions when appropriate, instead of relying on sole-source and limited competition contracts.

The CLEAN UP Act would also ensure that agencies establish inventories of their service contracts that would provide detailed transparency, identify nonperforming contracts, and allow agencies to take corrective action, based on an inventory already being used to reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in the Department of Defense's (DoD) service contracting.

Finally, the CLEAN UP Act would ensure that the indefinite suspension in the use of the controversial OMB Circular A-76 that was included in the Omnibus Bill is used to fix the problems in the privatization process that have been identified by the Government Accountability Office, the DoD Inspector General, senior lawmakers, and others.

Your thoughtful and innovative legislation would make federal sourcing policy more accountable to taxpayers and more fair to federal employees. The taxpaying Americans who rely on the federal government for important services whom we are proud to represent thank you for introducing The CLEAN UP Act and striving to enact its "good government" reforms.

Sincerely,

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS, AFL-CIO
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, AFL-CIO
DEPARTMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO
FEDERAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS AND AEROSPACE WORKERS, AFL-CIO
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, AFL-CIO
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL ENGINEERS, AFL-CIO
METAL TRADES DEPARTMENT, AFL-CIO
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, SEIU
NATIONAL TREASURY EMPLOYEES UNION
PROFESSIONAL AVIATION SAFETY SPECIALISTS, AFL-CIO
UNITED AUTO WORKERS, AFL-CIO