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President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. President:

Out of our shared commitment to support and empower the veterans we represent, I am writing to highlight a way the federal government may enhance economic opportunity for these heroes and their families.

Veterans across the country transitioned into the private sector and built small businesses with the unique skills and acumen gained during their service to our country. Now, they stand ready to continue their service by selling the goods and services the federal government must acquire to function.

The nation's veterans are the outstanding men and women with whom the federal government should be in business, and there are special procurement tools at your Administration's disposal to facilitate those transactions. It is my hope that your Administration will take full advantage of the tools authorized in the Veterans Benefits Act and the Small Business Act to make the federal government a reliable customer of veteran-owned small businesses (VOSBs) and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSBs).

I know that with your leadership, the federal government can exceed award goals set by statute and prior administrations. However, if the tools and authorities available to your Administration for contracting with VOSBs and SDVOSBs are found inadequate to meet or exceed award goals, I look forward to collaborating with you to develop and put forth appropriate solutions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter of such great importance to veterans living Florida's 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District and around the country.

Sincerely,



Dr. Neal Dunn  
Member of Congress