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U.S. Congress
Washington, DC 20515

Phillip L. Swagel, Director

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Honorable Jasmine Crockett
Honorable Marcus J. Molinaro
Honorable Dina Titus
Honorable Robert J. Wittman
Honorable Gwen S. Moore

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Procurement of AbilityOne Products and Services

Dear Representatives Crockett, Molinaro, Titus, Wittman, and Moore:

At your request, the Congressional Budget Office is providing information regarding its engagement with the AbilityOne program and its procurement of AbilityOne products and services. Through that program, federal agencies provide significant opportunities to many Americans with disabilities by procuring products and services from nonprofits that employ people who are blind or have significant disabilities. The agency remains committed to supporting the program's goals.

CBO procures office supplies for its employees from an authorized AbilityOne distributor. Through that arrangement, CBO regularly stocks and provides AbilityOne products; for various categories of products, those are the default. Before receiving your letter, CBO's staff had already begun reviewing the agency's procurement practices to expand its offerings of AbilityOne products to employees.

CBO strives to maintain a procurement process that is transparent to potential vendors. AbilityOne vendors and distributors are encouraged to contact the agency's Acquisitions Office at acquisitions@cbo.gov to provide additional information about their offerings. CBO is also happy to collect and share internal data on procurement through the AbilityOne program upon request.

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CBO's business operations analyst has been appointed to serve as the agency's AbilityOne Representative (ABOR). The ABOR will work with the Acquisitions Office and the Office of the General Counsel to review CBO's procurement procedures and purchase card program to ensure that the agency continues to meet its obligations under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act. Additionally, the ABOR will identify ways that CBO can strengthen internal awareness of the AbilityOne program, work more closely with the U.S. AbilityOne Commission during the procurement process, and expand opportunities to use products and services from nonprofit agencies designated by the National Industries for the Blind and SourceAmerica.

Thank you for your inquiry, and I hope the information is useful to you. If you require additional information, we would be pleased to provide it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phillip L. Swagel", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Phillip L. Swagel
Director

cc: Honorable Bryan Steil
Chairman
Committee on House Administration

Honorable Joseph Morelle
Ranking Member
Committee on House Administration