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Small businesses can get boost and help save the government money

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senators Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., and Bob Casey, D-Pa., are pushing legislation that would make it easier for small businesses to do business with the federal government and to in turn save the federal government money.

“A small legislative change could have an incredible impact on small businesses while also helping out the government’s bottom line. It is a win-win,” said Enzi.

“I have heard from Pennsylvania small business owners about how current law negatively impacts their companies,” said Casey. “This commonsense change will benefit small businesses in Pennsylvania and across the country while also saving taxpayer money and increasing efficiency.”

Enzi and Casey introduced S. 1110, the Small Business Fairness Act, that would change the Small Business Act to allow agencies to count qualified purchases through small business pools toward their minority and disadvantaged contracting goals. This would encourage small businesses to pool together as regional marketing associations to help secure large government procurement contracts. Currently federal agencies have statutory requirements they must meet for the percentage of purchases they make from small businesses owned by women, service-disabled veterans, Native Americans, socially disadvantaged individuals, or businesses within qualified Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Zones.

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