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To Whom It May Concern::

I am writing to express my opposition to the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's proposal to repeal the Clinton administration's rules on federal contractor responsibility. The rules require contracting officers to look at a company's record of complying with the law in deciding whether the company is a "responsible contractor" eligible to receive a federal contract.

A company's track record of complying with the law should be an important factor in deciding whether the company deserves a federal contract. Companies that routinely disregard worker safety and health, fail to pay minimum wages and overtime as required by the law, or violate other laws providing fundamental protections to workers shouldn't be rewarded with federal contracts. That's unfair to companies that do comply with the law and allows violators to profit from their lawbreaking.

Federal contracts should go to responsible, law-abiding companies, not to corporate lawbreakers. I urge the FAR Council not to repeal the contractor responsibility rules and to let the rules go into effect without further delay.

As a union organizer who once worked as a housekeeper in a large hotel, it is extremely important to me that workers have safe environments to work in. Because housekeepers as well as all others who have to deal with biohazard waste on a daily basis, we should be protected. Also, most of the hotel workers in America receive wages that are below the poverty level. Like anyone else, we have dreams, and because of our wages we are not allowed to make most of those dreams come true. How can anyone justify why one group has to give up their dreams, while others are able to make theirs come true?

Sincerely,  
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