Dear Chairman Reed and Ranking Member Inhofe,

I am writing on behalf of SourceAmerica® to express our appreciation for the inclusion of language in the FY2023 National Defense Authorization Act that would increase job opportunities for individuals within the AbilityOne® Program.

SourceAmerica is a connecting force. We connect our customers to products and services through a nationwide network of AbilityOne authorized providers that hire a dedicated workforce ready to support high performance on every contract. It’s a business solution that drives productivity while reshaping the future of employment for people with disabilities. Approximately 36,000 AbilityOne employees are employed in the SourceAmerica nonprofit network.

SourceAmerica supports the language in Section 827 that would create the “Progress Payment Incentive Pilot” and have a positive impact on increasing AbilityOne subcontracting opportunities and jobs for people with disabilities in the Program. We welcome the Senate Armed Services Committee’s support for creating more jobs within the AbilityOne Program in line with both the Department of Defense’s Equity Action Plan and with AbilityOne Commission’s Strategic Plan.

Regards,

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Senate Armed Services Committee Members