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**RE: H2749, An Act to procure public products or services from Massachusetts or the United States**  
**DT: 24 June 2015**

Dear Honorable Joint committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight,

Thank you for considering bill *H2749, An Act to procure public products or services from Massachusetts or the United States*.

The bill focuses on procuring public products or services from Massachusetts and/or the United States. It first pays attention to the procuring of goods within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A state agency or authority shall procure products or services from businesses, with their principal place of business in the commonwealth, granted that these products or services are not available for 10% less in cost outside of the commonwealth. The bill then reaches the settlement that if the product or service is not available within the Commonwealth, the product or service therein must be purchased in the United States. In the case that the product or service is not available in the United States, foreign purchases are then permissible. The bill then closes in saying the Operational Services Division will be in charge of ensuring that during any fiscal year, no less than 15 percent of statewide procurement contracts are entered into with businesses that are independently owned and operated, have a principal place of business in the commonwealth, have been in business for at least one year, and are defined as a small business.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. *H2749, An Act to procure public products or services from Massachusetts or the United States*, is a logical bill that will promote the procurement of public products or services from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and if then necessary, the United States of America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Heroux".

Paul Heroux