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Delegate Scott Phillips

I am writing to express my support for House Bill 0877 requiring the Comptroller to develop and maintain on the Comptroller's website a procurement dashboard, referred to as a "Board of Public Works Transparency Dashboard". My experience as the former President of the MD/DC Minority Supplier Development Council and as a business consultant in one of the MBDA Business Centers, I have seen that minority businesses miss getting a chance to bid on major projects because they often don't get information on the major projects. This has also been seen in reviewing disparity studies in the state that minority businesses are often outside the channels for information flow on large contracts. As such, they can't form teams to bid and have the information necessary to go find larger contractors with whom they can lobby to work with on their contracts. Transparency of information is one of the keys to allowing all vendors in the region have a chance to win contracts and grow for the benefit of the greater community.

Information is Power. Transparency is the key to the information.

Kenneth Clark  
President