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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

December 21, 1993

Mr. Dennis K. Rathbun
Director
Congressional Affairs
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop 17A3
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Rathbun:

I am writing to you on behalf of my constituent, Diego Crespo, who is having difficulty with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and has turned to me for assistance.

Mr. Crespo is President of Creative Cooperative (CC) located in Rockville, Maryland. CC has been attempting to obtain a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) from NRC for more than a year. CC is quite interested in doing business with NRC and requests that they be given a BPA. I have enclosed a copy of the letter and supporting documents I received from Mr. Crespo. I would appreciate it if you would review this matter, and ask that you direct your response to my District Office.

If you should require additional information, please contact my District Office. Thank you in advance for your efforts and attention to this issue. I look forward to hearing from you.

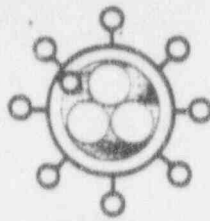
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Constance Morella".

Constance Morella
Member of Congress

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Creative Cooperative

December 17, 1993

The Honorable, Congresswoman
Connie Morella
51 Monroe St., Suite 507
Rockville Md., 20852

Dear Congresswoman Morella,

Once again I seek your able assistance in helping me with a situation regarding minority contracting at the federal level. I still remember how grateful we were some years back when you helped another Hispanic owned company I was working with attain a BPA from NIH under very similar circumstances that I will describe. NIH is now extremely happy with that company and has extended the contract yearly for several years running.

I have tried to get a BPA from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, as a minority owned small business, for more than one year. I have had nothing but delays, various reasons why a contract will not be awarded, etc. I have made presentations when I worked for two minority companies as well as my own company The Creative Cooperative. The managers who request BPA's for the vendors have been thoroughly receptive and excited about the benefits I offer and told me I would be recommended for a contract. In any instance I have followed up I get a delays and different reasons why no contract will be awarded.

Ms. Morella, I have reason to believe that I am being discriminated against and not being treated as professionally as any citizen deserves from the government because I am Hispanic. Please look into this matter for me. I am at a loss what to do. I have thought of contacting the Justice Department and the SBA but it seems that proper and prompt redress to my complaint will not come from those avenues.

I continue to be one of your great supporters in my own small way. From the first time I met you at a minority conference in Gaithersburgh during your campaign I have been tremendously impressed by your professionalism and care for your constituents.

Yours truly,

Diego R. Crespo
President, Creative Cooperative