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INTRO FOR Nancy McFadden *last speaker*

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We expect that Senator McConnell will advance his amendment that is intended to eliminate the US Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program and that it may be voted on as early as Tuesday.

Why would you be interested? Because this DBE program puts a lot of money in the hands of women business owners. Just last year alone, \$1.1 billion dollars highway transit construction money went to women owned businesses across the country, women that you represent.

This program affects every state and locality in the country. This program is about EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, INCLUSION, AND ---INCLUDING EVERYBODY--WOMEN AND MINORITIES TO REAP THE BENEFITS OF THESE FEDERAL \$MULTI MILLION DOLLAR PROGRAMS.

It is important now because Congress as early as next week may take up the vote to end this program. Only 10% of the \$20 Billion Dollars that goes to transit construction each year goes to this program. So approximately \$2 billion dollars of that \$20 billion might go to disadvantage businesses .

It is said that \$1 Billion dollars = 42,000 jobs. DBE's have created 151,650 jobs. Women were formally added to the DBE program / by law since 1987.

Nancy McFadden is the Secretary Slater's *General Counsel and* head person on developing the Department's positions and efforts to making sure these programs survive. ~~SECRET~~



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Thanks for everything!!

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