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Dear NY Contractors,

I write to inform you of an important bipartisan success in Congress that I proudly voted for.

As you know, the House of Representatives voted 405 – 16 to repeal the rule requiring federal, state, and local government agencies to withhold 3 percent of payments to contracting businesses providing goods and services (HR 674). The Senate is going to proceed with the bill and I hope to see this important legislation signed into law this month.

This is an onerous requirement that I have been working with my colleagues to repeal for quite some time now. As you know, the profit margin for many businesses is often less than 3% which means that the withholding requirement would have disrupted their cash flow and would have caused administrative headaches.

It is widely believed that this is misguided public policy. This is why I was pleased to work together with colleagues across the aisle and repeal this burdensome rule while helping American businesses during these tough economic times.

I look forward to working with you on our common issues as well as ways to get Americans back to work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn B. Maloney', written over a printed name and title.

CAROLYN B. MALONEY
Member of Congress