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**I oppose** this amendment which proposes elimination of woman owned businesses from the Minority Business Enterprise chapter. The construction industry heavily favors male professionals, and it has been an uphill battle for my firm to overcome this prejudice over the last 32 years. This program has enabled us to form ongoing business relationships with firms that would not otherwise consider us.

I do not understand the basis for this change of status, and do not support the amendment.

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