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Mr. Gary Abbott
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Dear Mr. Abbott:

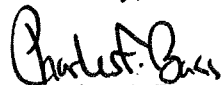
Thank you for contacting me regarding H.R. 674, introduced by Representative Wally Herger (R-CA) to repeal the three percent withholding tax on government contracts. I appreciate you taking the time to inform me of your thoughts on this issue.

I agree that, in this time of economic uncertainty and high unemployment, the withholding tax unfairly burdens law-abiding contractors and threatens to slow our economic recovery. While the three percent withholding tax was originally conceived of as a tax enforcement mechanism, I believe alternative programs are better suited to address the small number of tax delinquent contractors. Instead, the withholding tax will only make paying employees and completing projects more difficult. You will be pleased to know that for these reasons, and having received your input, I have signed on as a cosponsor of H.R. 674.

To date, H.R. 674 has been referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means, of which I am not a member. Rest assured, however, that I will do my part to ensure the passage of this bill, and will continue working to help New Hampshire businesses and our economic recovery succeed.

Again, thank you for contacting me. For the most up-to-date information about my work in New Hampshire and in Washington, connect with me on Facebook ([facebook.com/RepCharlesBass](https://www.facebook.com/RepCharlesBass)), follow me on Twitter (twitter.com/RepCharlesBass), view my latest videos on YouTube ([youtube.com/RepCharlesBass](https://www.youtube.com/RepCharlesBass)) and visit my website (bass.house.gov) to sign up for my e-newsletter or contact me via email.

Sincerely,



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