Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs

February 22, 2019

The Honorable Cory Gardner
United States Senator
Attn: Ms. Samantha Gunther
721 19th Street, Suite 150
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Senator Gardner:

Thank you for the email from your office dated January 18, 2019, on behalf of your constituent, (b) (6) [redacted] Hartech Group LLC (Hartech). (b) (6) [redacted] requested assistance with Hartech's Schedule 51V contract, which the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has slated for cancellation due to low sales.

After considering the issues Hartech has raised, GSA will not cancel the vendor's contract.[1]

Specifically, GSA has learned that Hartech experienced technical issues related to GSA Advantage!®, GSA's online sales portal. These issues may have prevented Hartech from generating sales during the 12-month period ending in December 2018. For this reason, GSA will not cancel Hartech's contract when its initial 5-year base period expires in April 2019.

Instead, GSA will exercise the first of Hartech's three 5-year renewal options, which will renew Hartech's contract for 5 years. Hartech will need to report at least $25,000 in Schedule sales at the end of the first 12-month period, as required by its contract.[2] Otherwise, Hartech's contract may again be subject to cancellation.[3]

GSA's Contracting Officer will provide additional information to Hartech about the renewal process, as well as information that may help Hartech better market its products to Federal customers. In addition, the Contracting Officer is working to address the technical issues Hartech has experienced.

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[1] GS-21F-073BA.
[2] I-FSS-639(a).
[3] I-FSS-639 (b).

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If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Post
Associate Administrator

UNITED STATES SENATE ♦Colorado Senator Cory Gardner

CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

To begin processing your case, please complete the following information (Please Print or Type):

Name: (b) (6) [redacted]

Address: (b) (6) [redacted]

City: (b) (6) [redacted] State: (b) (6) [redacted] Zip: (b) (6) [redacted]

Phone - Home: (b) (6) [redacted] Cell: (b) (6) [redacted] Work: (b) (6) [redacted]

Email: _____ Fax: _____

Social Security Number: _____-_____-_____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): (b) (6) [redacted]

Federal Agency you are asking us to contact: GSA

Briefly explain your concerns and what actions you are requesting from the Senator's office (Include additional pages if needed or copies of any documentation that you may have which would help expedite your inquiry. Please do not send original documents):

Please see attached letter + documents

Complete following fields only if applicable to your case.

MILITARY or VETERANS ISSUES

Veteran's Claim Number: _____ Date filed: _____

Branch of Service: _____ Rank/Unit: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY ISSUES

Type of Claim Filed: _____

Initial Claim Date Filed: _____ ☐ Pending ☐ Approved ☐ Denied

Reconsideration Date Filed: _____ ☐ Pending ☐ Approved ☐ Denied

ALJ Hearing Date Filed: _____ ☐ Pending ☐ Approved ☐ Denied

Appeals Council Date Filed: _____ ☐ Pending ☐ Approved ☐ Denied

IMMIGRATION ISSUES

Applicant's Name: _____ Type of Application Filed: _____

Alien Registration Number: _____ Receipt Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Have you contacted any other elected officials?: No X Yes, include the name _____

Do you have an attorney on the case?: No _____ Yes, include the name JAMES E. SWAINE

I am aware that provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) may prohibit the release of information in covered agency files without my consent. I hereby consent to the release of such information to the Office of United States Senator Cory Gardner and/or members of his staff in connection with my case or claim. I certify, under penalty of perjury, that 1) I provided or authorized all of the information in this privacy release and any document submitted with it; 2) I reviewed and understand all of the information contained in my privacy release and submitted with it; and 3) all of this information is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: (b) (6) [redacted] Date: 9/23/2018

September 23, 2018

The Honorable Cory Gardner, United States Senate

721 19th Street, Suite 150

Denver, CO 80202

RE: GSA Lease # GS-08P-13629

Dear Senator Gardner,

In December of 2005, we purchased several Units, in the Bank of the West, Belmar Plaza office complex @ 215 south Wadsworth Blvd., Lakewood CO 80226. One of the Units, #303, was rented to FCC & managed by GSA.

Sometime during 2013, FAA was ordered to move to the Federal Center in Lakewood, CO when there lease expired in November of that year. Near the end of the year I was contacted by GSA when it became evident that their new facility wouldn't be ready at the end of the lease. They asked for a one month extension & it was agreed that it was acceptable @ the existing rent. GSA mailed a lengthy extension & I believe (b) (6) [redacted] or I signed the lease, thinking it was as discussed & agreed. Several days later, when I had time, I read the entire agreement & was shocked when I realized that they had slipped, "free rent" into the extension agreement. I immediately called GSA to talk to the man I'd been working with. I was told, "you signed it" like I was dealing with a con man & that was that.

Since gov't leases are paid in arrears, when the December rent was deposited in January of 2014, I thought the gov't was going to do the honorable thing & pay for the time they spent in our facility.

Several years after FAA moved we started receiving nasty letters from the Treasury Dept. I contacted them & was told that they were merely the collection agency. They took their % & sent the remainder on to GSA. They garnished my (b) (6) [redacted] & immediately started withholding $189.45 per month. I have no idea how much they took. At (b) (6) [redacted] I thought that was very tacky.

We had to hire a lawyer, James Swaine, to get this problem resolved, but he was running into the same road blocks that we encountered. He finally gave up.

My (b) (6) [redacted] spent 20 years in the Air Force, trying to do what's right for this country that we love. After he (b) (6) [redacted] or I should say changed hats, he became a (b) (6) [redacted] in 1978.

Without exception, we have never been treated a shabbily as we have been by GSA. Our gov't spends or throws away millions & millions of dollars of tax payers money annually & treats its citizens, this way? Not right.

We recently received a letter from Michelle Speas, manager of accounts receivable @ GSA, Ft. Worth, TX stating that we still owed $673. After stating my case, she said she couldn't find the paperwork, so she'd get back to us in a few days. About three weeks later, since she never called, I called, got her voice mail & left a message. A week later I got a call from her arrogant abusive supervisor with no possible solution available.

After FCC moved, I gave GSA a very conservative, itemized list of damages caused during & after the move. The 219 holes left in their desk enclosed cubicles, where their book shelves & enclosures were bolted to the walls. The ramset mounting brackets used to secure their electronic cabinets in the equipment enclosure. The hundreds of feet of cables connecting their equipment to the roof antennas, left that we had to remove. If I knew we were going to be treated so shabbily, I would have given a more realistic account of the condition & what we had to do to get the property rentable. I could have easily covered the cost of the rent they said we supposedly were overpaid. It's that old adage that nice guys finish last.

We hope you'll be able to contact GSA & get this terrible problem resolved.

Respectfully

(b) (6) [redacted]

(b) (6) [redacted]

March 28, 2018

Michelle,

Enclosed are the documents that you requested. As I stated on the phone, FCC was to move out by the end of the year. Because their new facility @ the Federal Center was not quite complete, we allowed them to stay an additional month.

We never owed them anything. Several years after they moved we started receiving these threatening letters from the Treasury Department.

The Treasury Dept., said they had no idea about the proposed debt, they were just a collection agency.

We appreciate, in advance, your assistance in clearing up this terrible misunderstanding.

Sincerely

(b) (6) [redacted]

Department of the Treasury
Bureau of the Fiscal Service

CROSS SERVICING DEBTOR DISPUTE FORM

Please complete the form below, attaching any supporting documentation.
Fax form and attachments to 855-415-4999.

Name:	(b) (6) [redacted]
Address:	
Social Security Number:	
FedDebt Number:	(b) (4) [redacted]

Comments:

I HAVE NOT HEARD FROM GSA, since the FCC agency moved out of my building on December 31, 2013.
The monthly mortgage payments were always made in-arears.
They left, leaving 219 holes in the walls, damaged floors where equipment was secured and all of their cabeling from the 3RD floor, up to their roof mounted antennas.
I don't owe you anything.

You may also mail the form to:
U.S. Department of the Treasury
Debt Management Services
P O Box 830794
Birmingham, AL 35283-0794

Privacy Act Statement: Collection of this information is authorized by 5 U.S.C. § 552a, 26 U.S.C. §§ 6331 and 6402, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3716, 3720A and 7701(c). This information will be used to identify your receivables (whether current or delinquent) submitted to the Department of the Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service for collection by Federal and State agencies, and to identify payments made or due to you by Federal or State agencies. This information will be disclosed to persons as authorized by you. Additional disclosures of this information may be to Federal and State agencies collecting your debts or issuing payments to you. The purpose of the additional disclosures will be to verify the accuracy of the information provided to the Bureau of the Fiscal Service and to assist such agencies in collecting your debts. Where the taxpayer identification number is your Social Security Number, collection of this information is required by 31 U.S.C. § 7701(c). Failure to furnish the information requested, including your Social Security Number, may delay or prevent proper review and assessment of your request.

GSA Financial Services Division BCF
819 Taylor Street Room 5A27
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Second Notice

Print Date: 06/26/2018

Notice Number: 2

Debt Account Number: (b) (4) [redacted]

Address/Customer Information

(b) (6) [redacted]

Remittance Information

GSA: Payment for Claims
PO Box 301511
Los Angeles, CA 90030-1511

Contact Us

Phone Number: 800-676-3690
Fax Number:
Email Address:
FW-Claims-PBS@gsa.gov

Principal	Interest	Penalty	Admin Charges	Total Billed	Payments/ Discounts Received	Other	Outstanding Amount Due
$673.81	$0.56	$0.00	$0.00	$674.37	$0.00	$0.00	$674.37

Last Notice Date
May 22, 2018, 12:00 AM

As of the above date, our records indicate that you owe the General Services Administration for the Debt (Claim) Account Number and amount(s) listed above. You are hereby given notice of the Government's intent to collect this debt and that the Government reserves all rights and remedies provided by law or by contract including payment offset as an option pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3701-3719; Public Law 97-365, 96 Stat 1754 (Debt Collection Act of 1982), Public Law 104-134 (Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996).

Please help us resolve this account by sending payment in full or making arrangements with GSA. For your convenience, GSA accepts credit cards, PayPal, and checks to settle invoices and claims.

If submitting a payment via credit card or PayPal, please log on to www.pay.gov, search for GSA Finance Ft. Worth Credit Card Form and follow the on-line instructions.

If remitting your payment by check, please make check payable to GSA and write the Debt (Claim) Account Number provided above on your check. Please send to remittance address above.

If payment has already been made, please provide payment information to our office.

If there is a problem or a question regarding the amount owed, please contact the Accounts Receivable Branch, at FW-Claims-PBS@gsa.gov.

Thank you for your attention regarding this matter.

(b) (6)

Sincerely, [redacted]

Manager, Accounts Receivable

GSA Financial Services Division BCF
819 Taylor Street Room 5A27
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Final Notice

Print Date: 07/31/2018

Notice Number: 3

Debt Account Number: (b) (4) [redacted]

Address/Customer Information

(b) (6) [redacted]

Remittance Information

GSA: Payment for Claims
PO Box 301511
Los Angeles, CA 90030-1511

Contact Us

Phone Number: 800-676-3690
Fax Number:
Email Address:
FW-Claims-PBS@gsa.gov

Principal	Interest	Penalty	Admin Charges	Total Billed	Payments/ Discounts Received	Other	Outstanding Amount Due
$673.81	$0.56	$0.00	$0.00	$674.37	$0.00	$0.00	$674.37

Last Notice Date
Jun 26, 2018, 12:00 AM

CORY GARDNER
UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR COLORADO

721 19th Street
Suite 150
Denver, CO 80202
PHONE: (303) 391-5777

Thank you for filling out this help request form. Please **print** and **sign** this form below. To return the form you have two options:

1. Mail the form to Senator Gardner's office in Denver:

721 19th Street
Suite 150
Denver, CO 80202

2. Fax your printed and signed casework form to our Denver office at (202) 228-2599.

Your Information

Name:
(b) (6) [redacted]

Address:
(b) (6) [redacted]

Email: **Phone Number:**
(b) (6) [redacted]

Additional Information

Which Government Agency/Agencies Have You Been Working With?
GSA and DLA

Have You Contacted Another Congressional Office?
No

Your Request

What Do You Need Help With?
We are Government Contractor that sales Military Technology to the Federal Government: DOD and DOE facilities. We are a small woman owned company. We do a great business but.we are having issues with our GSA contract and I would love to speak to someone about this and what rights we have as a business owner.

Is There Anything Else That Senator Gardner Or His Staff Should Know
My company is; Hartech Group, LLC if you need to look at the website to understand what we do and offer. www.hartechgroup.com

I am aware that provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) may prohibit the release of information in covered agency files without my consent. I hereby consent to the release of such information to the Office of United States Senator Cory Gardner and/or members of his staff in connection with my case or claim.

Signature (b) (6) [redacted] **Date:** 12/28/18

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U.S. Senator Cory Gardner
721 19th Street, Suite 150
Denver, CO 80202

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Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs

November 9, 2018

The Honorable Cory Gardner
United States Senator
Attn.: Mr. Derrick Godfrey
721 19th Street, Suite 150
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Senator Gardner:

Thank you for the e-mail from your office, dated September 26, 2018, on behalf of (b) (6) [redacted] (b) (6) [redacted] The Lessor wrote regarding a debt incurred as a result of overpayment of rent by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) to the Lessor in December 2013. This debt is offset by an agreement from the Federal Government to reimburse the Lessor for damages in excess of normal wear and tear to the space the Government occupied. This offset resulted in a balance of $1,371.61 in remaining debt to the Government.

For twelve years, the Lessor rented space to the United States Government under GSA Lease No's GS-08P-13629 and GS-08P-14539. On September 24, 2013, GSA and the Lessor negotiated a lease extension to accommodate a delay in finalizing Federal space for the tenant agency. Lease Amendment No. 1 contained the terms of the agreement and was signed by the Lessor on September 27, 2013, and the Government on October 23, 2013. The terms of the extension, including a $0 rent for December 13-31, 2013, are identified on the lease amendment (enclosed).

The Government vacated the Lessor's space on November 30, 2013. Instead of making a payment for the two week firm term period for December, GSA erroneously paid the Lessor for the full month of December. The overpayment resulted in a debt of $5,871.61 to the Federal Government.

After the Government vacated the space, the Lessor requested compensation in the amount of $4,500.00 based on a claim that the Government damaged the leased premises in excess of normal wear and tear. By letter dated October 27, 2014, GSA agreed to pay the claim for reimbursement in the total amount of $4,500.00. GSA informed the Lessor, however, that due to the $5,871.61 remaining debt to the Government, the $4,500.00 would be applied against the balance of the debt, resulting in a remaining debt to the Government of $1,371.61.

Direct collection efforts by GSA were ultimately unsuccessful, so the debt was sent to the Department of the Treasury for offset. The principal has been paid down by $697.80, along with penalties, interest, and administrative costs. Recently, GSA agreed to waive the remaining interest of $146.79 and administrative fees of $270.00, for a total

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waiver of $416.79. The Department of the Treasury offset will continue until the outstanding balance of $673.81 is paid.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Post
Associate Administrator

Enclosure

CORY GARDNER
COLORADO

SUITE SR-354
SENATE RUSSELL OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20510
(202) 224-5941

United States Senate

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August 4, 2016

General Services Administration

RE: (b) (6) [redacted]

Dear General Services Administration,

The Office of U.S. Senator Cory Gardner was contacted by our constituent, (b) (6) [redacted] who is a (b) (6) [redacted] that purchases military vehicles through Government Planet. (b) (6) [redacted] has been waiting three months to receive SF-97's for the 15 vehicles he has sold that need this form to apply for a CO Title. Government Planet provides the SF-97's to (b) (6) [redacted] however their response to the delay is they are waiting for the Federal Government to sign these forms before they can issue them to the car dealership. (b) (6) [redacted] would like a timely resolution to the delay in receiving the SF-97's.

Thank you for your time and consideration in addressing (b) (6) [redacted] request.

Please call our office at 719-543-1324 or email me at Nannette_Byrne-Haupt@Gardner.Senate.Gov if you have any additional questions.

(b) (6) [redacted]

Nannette Byrne-Haupt
US Senator Cory Gardner
503 N. Main Street, Suite 426
Pueblo, CO 81003
P: 719-543-1324
F: 202-228-7174
C: (b) (6) [redacted]
Nannette_Byrne-Haupt@Gardner.Senate.Gov

Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs

August 9, 2016

The Honorable Cory Gardner
United States Senator
Attn: Ms. Nannette Byrne-Haupt
503 North Main Street, Suite 426
Pueblo, CO 81003

Dear Senator Gardner:

Thank you for the letter from your office dated August 4, 2016, on behalf of your constituent, (b) (6) [redacted] has requested your assistance in obtaining the Certificates to Obtain Title to a Vehicle (Standard Form 97) for vehicles he purchased at GovPlanet®, the Web site the Federal Government uses to sell surplus military equipment and vehicles.

GovPlanet® is operated on behalf of the U.S. Department of Defense – Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services (DLA Disposition Services). Therefore, GSA believes that DLA Disposition Services can best respond to this matter and has forwarded your inquiry to:

Mr. Robert Wimple
Director, Legislative Affairs
U.S. Defense Logistics Agency
8725 John J. Kingman Road, Suite1644
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

I have enclosed a copy of the referral letter. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Austin

Lisa A. Austin
Associate Administrator

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