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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

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United States Senate  
Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Landrieu and Ranking Member Snowe:

Thank you for your letter dated January 25, 2011, regarding improving the efficiency and effectiveness of our programs here at the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

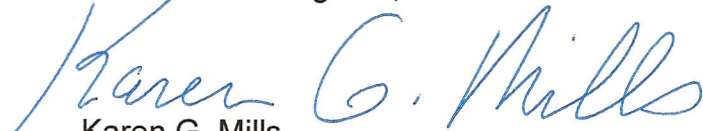
With respect to delineating specific programs that we believe are redundant or duplicative, on February 14 the President will release his FY 2012 budget proposal, which will identify SBA programs that can be further streamlined or—in some instances—eliminated altogether. Unfortunately, we cannot provide details before the President's budget is submitted to Congress.

Our senior program officials are available for budget briefings with your respective staffs the day the President's budget is released and the weeks that follow, and I will also be available to discuss the budget at your convenience.

As you know over the past two years the Agency has made considerable progress in this area. Plans are in place to continue to use technology and other cost saving approaches to continue to streamline activities and make the best use of the taxpayers' dollars.

We thank you for requesting our input on this critical issue, and we look forward to working with both of you to create a more efficient and effective SBA.

With warmest regards,

  
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