



U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20416

January 6, 2014

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Brown:

Thank you for your letter in support of West Central Partnership, Inc.'s (West Central) application to the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Community Advantage (CA) Pilot Program.

As with all applications to the CA Program, West Central's application will be evaluated according to the eligibility and qualification standards outlined in the Community Advantage Participant Guide, Version 3.0, released November 13, 2012. We appreciate your interest in the CA Program and the work that West Central does to reach underserved markets.

Last year, more than 7,498 Ohio small businesses received financial support from U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) supported programs.

We appreciate your support of SBA and the Ohio small business community. If you or your staff have additional questions, please contact the SBA Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs at (202) 205-6700.

Sincerely,

Grady B. Hedgespeth
Director
Office of Economic Opportunity