

January 30, 2013

The Honorable Ben Cardin
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cardin:

Administrator Mills has asked me to respond to your recent correspondence on behalf of your constituent employees at the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) regarding the long-term valuable partnership between the SBA and Lafayette Federal Credit Union. We appreciate your concern and share in the commitment to provide valuable benefits to our hardworking civil servants.

The SBA has had and will continue to have productive discussions with our partners at Lafayette Federal Credit Union to ensure our employees have access to banking services and financial counseling. We will continue to work to effectively merge the Agency's programmatic needs and budget constraints with the opportunities to offer important employee benefits. We value our employees and will continue to provide employee benefits that are consistent with the needs of the Agency.

We appreciate your support of the SBA and Maryland's small business community. If you and your staff have further questions, please contact the SBA Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs at (202) 205-6700. A similar response is being sent to Senator Mikulski.

Sincerely,

Paul Christy
Chief Operating Officer