

August 7, 2015

The Honorable Robert P. Casey, Jr.  
United States Senator  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Casey:

Mr. Daniel Upham, Chief Microenterprise Development Branch has asked me to respond to your letter supporting Entrepreneur Works (EW) of Philadelphia, in its request to receive grant funding under the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Program for Investment in Microentrepreneurs (PRIME) Act.

The PRIME Act provides grantees with funding to assist low-income and very low-income entrepreneurs in need to training and technical assistance to start, operate, or expand their businesses. EW's proposal for the PRIME Act will be given every consideration during this competitive grant process.

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

Sincerely,

Grady B. Hedgespeth  
Director  
Office of Economic Opportunity