

August 12, 2015

The Honorable Kathy Castor
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Castor:

Administrator Contreras-Sweet has asked me to respond to your letter supporting the Tampa Bay Black Business Investment Company (TBBBIC) 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 of training and technical assistance to start, operate, or expand their businesses. TBBBIC proposal for the PRIME Act will be given every consideration during this competitive grant process.

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

Sincerely,

Grady B. Hedgespeth
Director
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