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The Honorable Chris Coons
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Financial Services
and General Government
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Coons:

I am writing to thank for your leadership throughout the process of raising the 7(a) Loan Program authorization cap. As you know so well, this Program provides critical access to capital for entrepreneurs looking to start and grow their businesses.

The incredible success of the Program caused us to reach the \$18.75 billion cap earlier than expected, and your swift leadership was instrumental in ensuring that the SBA can continue to fulfill its mission to assist small and growing businesses thrive.

I am extremely grateful for your leadership and your continued support of SBA's efforts to serve the nation's small business community. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly, or have your staff contact Thaddeus Inge, SBA Associate Administrator for Congressional and Legislative affairs, at (202) 205-6634.

Warmest regards,

Maria Contreras-Sweet