

August 19, 2015

The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Gillibrand:

Administrator Contreras-Sweet has asked me to respond to your letter supporting the New York Women's Chamber of Commerce (NYWCC) 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. NYWCC's proposal for the PRIME Act will be given every consideration during this competitive grant process.

We appreciate your support of SBA, NYWCC, and the New York small business community.

Sincerely,

Grady B. Hedgespeth
Director
Office of Equal Opportunity