



U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20416

March 9, 2015

The Honorable Lindsay Graham
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Graham:

Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet has asked me to respond to your recent letter of support for the Claflin University in Orangeburg, South Carolina. We are aware that this center has submitted for a grant through the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Veteran Business Outreach Center (VBOC) Program.

The SBA recently had an open funding opportunity to award up to 14 VBOCs across the U.S. This funding opportunity closed on February 17, 2015. Our staff is currently conducting a thorough review of all applications submitted and we will notify all applicants of our decision on their individual application. We will also be pleased to notify your office once the VBOCs have been selected.

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

Sincerely,

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