



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

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The Honorable Mary L. Landrieu
United States Senator
Hale Boggs Federal Building
500 Poydras Street – Suite 1005
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

Dear Senator Landrieu:

Thank you for your recent inquiry on behalf of Mr. Joshua Odem regarding his request for assistance in repayment of his U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Home Loan.

According to SBA loan records on December 30, 2005, SBA approved a \$334,500 (of which \$304,500 was disbursed) disaster home loan to Joshua Odem under the following terms: 2.687 percent interest, monthly payments of \$1,227, and a repayment period of 30 years.

Based on Mr. Odem's letter to you, he is requesting "full or partial mortgage forgiveness" of his SBA loan. The Agency does not have legislative authority to forgive a loan. However, SBA does offer several options to assist in loan repayment. Such options include: maturity date extension (when possible), temporary payment reduction, and deferred monthly installments. Any request for reduced payments or other modified payment terms must be supported by current financial statements from the borrower. Under certain circumstances, SBA may consider a lump sum cash compromise as payment in full. This alternative is generally reserved for hardship situations and is approved only after a thorough analysis of the borrower's present and future financial situation. SBA considers any requests for assistance via federal programs such as the Making Home Affordable Program on an individual basis. If Mr. Odem needs further assistance, he may contact Mr. Bill Street of the SBA Birmingham Disaster Loan Servicing Center at (800) 736-6048, extension 7699.

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

Sincerely,

John A. Miller
Director
Office of Financial Programs Office

cc: Bill Street, SBA Birmingham Disaster Loan Servicing Center