

May 5, 2014

The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Markey:

In recognition of the contributions and accomplishments of America's entrepreneurs, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will celebrate the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual National Small Business Week from May 12 through May 16, 2014.

At SBA, we are committed to ensuring that our capital, counseling, contracting, and disaster assistance programs are inclusive and reach small business owners throughout the country. In order to continue to build awareness of our resources across the U.S., this year's National Small Business Week events will take place in San Francisco, Kansas City, and Boston.

We would be honored to have you join us in Boston on Thursday, May 15, at the Microsoft New England R&D Center. This event, which is from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM (EDT), will bring together leaders from the business, government, consumer, and high-tech sectors to highlight the many achievements of our nation's entrepreneurs. Your presence will underscore the important role small businesses play in our communities and the critical impact they have on our economy.

In addition to these events, we will also hold various sessions in Washington, DC on Thursday, May 15, and Friday, May 16; this includes the announcement of the 2014 National Small Business Person of the Year. For a complete list of activities, please visit [www.sba.gov/smallbusinessweek](http://www.sba.gov/smallbusinessweek). If you would like to attend any of these events, please contact Nicholas Coutsos, Associate Administrator for Congressional & Legislative Affairs, at (202) 205-6335 or [nicholas.coutsos@sba.gov](mailto:nicholas.coutsos@sba.gov).

Thank you for your leadership and ongoing support of America's small businesses.

Warmest regards,

Maria Contreras-Sweet  
Administrator