

September 19, 2012

The Gary G. Miller  
Member, U.S. House of Representatives  
1800 East Lambert Road, Suite 150  
Brea, California 92821

Dear Representative Miller:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of Mr. Don Driftmier concerning his support for a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) employee, Mr. Pellson Lau.

Under the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010, SBA was able to hire two additional, temporary employees to serve as export trade finance specialists in the U.S. Export Assistance Centers (USEAC) in Ontario, California, and Arlington, Virginia. Unfortunately, funding for those positions will expire at the end of September 2012. Consequently, both temporary employees desired full-time positions and applied for permanent openings in the USEAC network, when they became available. Fortunately, Mr. Lau, an excellent employee with terrific in-depth experience and knowledge in trade finance, competed successfully for the opening in the New Orleans USEAC. While we were disappointed that we could not keep Mr. Lau in the USEAC in Ontario, we were pleased that he will remain on our staff and continue to serve small business exporters with his expertise at this new location.

We appreciate your support of the SBA and the California 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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Office of International Trade