



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

August 23, 2012

The Honorable Jeff Miller
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
4300 Bayou Boulevard, Suite 13
Pensacola, Florida 32503

Dear Representative Miller:

Thank you for your recent inquiry on behalf of Mr. Daniel Sheppard and Ms. Marcia Sheppard regarding their concerns with Federal offsets against them being credited to a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster loan.

Pursuant to review of SBA records, Mr. Sheppard's Social Security number mistakenly became associated with an SBA disaster loan to a borrower with a similar name. Since the loan in the SBA system of records was delinquent, the loan was referred to the U.S. Department of Treasury (Treasury) for further collection efforts, including the offsetting of any Federal tax refunds and Federal benefits. Because Mr. Sheppard's Social Security number had mistakenly become associated with this delinquent SBA loan, Treasury offset Mr. Sheppard's Income tax refund and Social Security benefits for application to this loan. Please be advised that SBA has taken corrective action to remove Mr. Sheppard's Social Security number from the SBA system of records. In addition, SBA is currently in the process of refunding Mr. Sheppard's Federal Income tax refund and Social Security offsets. If Mr. Sheppard has any questions regarding this matter, he may contact Ms. Stacey Stephens of the SBA National Disaster Loan Resolution Center (NDLRC) at (714) 564-2843.

We appreciate your support of the SBA and the Florida 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 Program Operations

cc: Stacey Stephens, SBA NDLRC