



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

August 23, 2012

The Honorable Collin C. Peterson  
Member, U.S. House of Representatives  
714 Lake Avenue, Suite 107  
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota 56501

Dear Representative Peterson:

Thank you for your inquiry on behalf of Ms Elizabeth Ahles regarding her request for assistance in repayment of her U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster home loan.

According to SBA loan records on September 10, 1993, SBA approved a \$5,900 disaster home loan to Ms. Ahles. Subsequently after numerous attempts to contact Ms. Ahles to offer repayment arrangements the loan became delinquent. On January 3, 2009, SBA charged-off this loan. As mandated by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, on February 21, 2009, SBA referred the loan to the U.S. Department of Treasury (Treasury) for further collection efforts. Treasury has assumed collection responsibilities and SBA no longer services this loan.

However, in response to Ms. Ahles' request for hardship consideration, the SBAs Birmingham Disaster Loan Servicing Center (BDLSC) has agreed to decrease the monthly offset amount by \$105, from \$155 per month to \$50 per month. Payments are necessary since SBA has no legal authority to forgive loans. If Ms Ahles has additional questions regarding this matter, she may contact Ms. Sherill Alexander of the SBA BDLSC at (800) 736-6048, extension 7143.

We appreciate your continued support of the SBA and the Minnesota 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 Operations

cc: Sherill Alexander, SBA BDLSC