



U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20416

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The Honorable Chris Van Hollen
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
51 Monroe Street, Suite 507
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Representative Van Hollen:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of Mr. Robin Weiss regarding his applications for U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) positions of Business Opportunity Specialist and Program Analyst.

This Agency fully enforces merit system principles in its recruitment, selection, and advancement processes. Enforcing merit system principles ensures our recruitment processes and procedures afford every applicant an equal opportunity to be selected for SBA jobs in a transparent, fair, and open competition.

The Agency appreciates the fact that highly talented Americans, like Mr. Weiss, are interested in becoming part of the SBA team. We fully support Mr. Weiss' interest in advancing his career with SBA and encourage him to apply for positions in the future. If Mr. Weiss desires additional information concerning the status of his applications, he may should contact Ms. Sandra Galloway, Team Lead, Workforce Acquisitions Division, at (202) 205-6165.

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

Sincerely,

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Chief Human Capital Officer