



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

OFFICE OF
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The Honorable Ryan Zinke
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Zinke:

Thank you for your letter in support of the Montana Office of Trade and International Relations in the U.S. Small Business Administrations' (SBA) State Trade and Export Promotion (STEP) Grant program.

On April 8, 2015, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) issued program announcement OIT-STEP-2015-01 regarding funding assistance under the STEP program. We have received the applications, and we are giving each application full consideration in accordance with the evaluation criteria listed in the program announcement.

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

Sincerely,

Eileen Sanchez
Associate Administrator