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The Honorable Lateefah Simon
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Chairman Williams, Representative Simon, and Ranking Member Velázquez:

In your service on the House Small Business Committee, you hear from small businesses every day who struggle to access the capital they need to start and expand their businesses.

The National Association of Development Companies (NADCO) and the Certified Development Company (CDC) lending industry we represent are your partners in helping small businesses bridge gaps in financing to grow their businesses through the Small Business Administration's (SBA's) premier economic development program, the 504 Loan Program.

One of the hallmarks of the 504 program is the low down-payment of 10 percent, which allows small businesses to preserve cash for working capital and cashflow management. However, for SBA-designated "special purpose" properties, borrowers must put an additional five percent down, which erodes one of the major benefits of the program for growing businesses.

NADCO strongly supports your efforts to remove the extra five percent equity injection for "special purpose" properties in the *Main Street Parity Act* (H.R. 5763). Removing this requirement will expand access to small business borrowers and ensure the program's benefits are fully leveraged for job creation and expansion in local communities.

Thank you for your leadership on this and many other issues facing small businesses today – we appreciate your consideration of this critical legislation in the markup scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2025, and your commitment to advance policies that will make a difference for small business borrowers' ability to access capital.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rhonda D. Pointon", is written in a cursive style.

Rhonda D. Pointon
President & CEO
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