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The Honorable Nydia M. Velázquez
Ranking Member
House Committee on Small Business
2361 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ranking Member Velázquez:

Thank you for your letter dated August 28, 2025, regarding the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) travel and engagement with small businesses across the country. While I appreciate you highlighting my recent trip to America's heartland, I disagree with the characterizations outlined in your letter.

I was honored to accept Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee Chair Joni Ernst's invitation to visit Iowa to speak at her third annual Entrepreneur Expo, where I had the chance to address hundreds of local job creators. I highlighted how the SBA is delivering record levels of capital across America's communities – and leading the effort to restore industrial dominance in alignment with President Donald J. Trump's America First agenda.

During my visit, and alongside Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lee Zeldin, I traveled throughout the state and had the privilege of meeting with several manufacturers, small business owners, and family farmers. I was also pleased to join Senator Ernst at the Iowa State Fair - a longstanding tradition that celebrates rural America and drives opportunity for hundreds of small businesses.

As you are aware, my travel to Iowa was part of a broader effort that has taken me to nearly half of the country and counting, including your home state of New York. With over 36 million small businesses in America, I have prioritized stronger engagement across our field offices – and a more robust presence across communities. Through these visits, I hear from job creators firsthand about their challenges, their successes and their support for President Trump's agenda.

I am proud to report that small business optimism in Iowa is higher than ever thanks to President Trump's pro-worker, pro-business policies. As I often hear during my travels, many job creators spoke to me about their strong support for his working family tax cuts, and for the fair trade agenda that has already driven new demand, hiring, and growth.

I look forward to continuing my travel and remaining responsive to the American people. I am always excited to receive invitations from federal, state, and local leaders who are eager to showcase small businesses in their states. With that, I would be delighted to receive an invitation to visit your Congressional District. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the SBA Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs at (202) 205-6700 to schedule a visit.

Sincerely,

Kelly Loeffler
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