

**Congress of the United States**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Small Business**  
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Hon. Russell Vought  
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Hon. Kelly Loeffler  
Administrator  
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Dear Director Vought and Administrator Loeffler:

We write regarding your unwillingness to respond to our March 5, 2025 letter regarding actions to freeze funding on federal grants and loans. We have sought to work cooperatively with you since your confirmations, but your failure to respond to our letter or provide the requested information is particularly troubling. To date, other than a confirmation of receipt of our letter from SBA, we have not heard back despite repeated requests for a response. The requested documents were due to us on March 21, 2025.

Our committee has an obligation to the American taxpayer to conduct due diligence and oversight of your decision to terminate funding for federal grants and contracts at the Small Business Administration (SBA). As mentioned in our previous letter, the Trump Administration has issued a number of executive orders and memoranda that has cause widespread confusion and chaos regarding federal funding. These executive actions have had wide-ranging implications for America's 34.8 million small businesses. In particular, the terminations of federal grants and contracts have harmed small businesses, as they disrupted ongoing work, led to lost revenue, and in some cases, caused potential hardship. To add insult to injury, the Administration proposed to eliminate funding for 15 of the Entrepreneurial Development programs, which provide vital counseling and training to small businesses all across the country.

We have received no information as to how you are implementing these executive orders. As the Ranking Member of the Small Business Committee (Committee) and the Committee's Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Regulations, with oversight responsibility of the SBA, we are writing to request a comprehensive and detailed list of any SBA programs, services, grants, contracts, projects, loan guarantees, disaster loans, and other funding that have been paused, curtailed, or terminated due to these actions.

To that end, we once again request the information and answers to the following questions no later than May 30, 2025:

- 1) Please provide a comprehensive list of all SBA programs, services, grants, contracts, projects, loan guarantees, disaster loans, contracts, and other funding that have been implicated by the executive orders and detail the date on which the funding has been paused, curtailed, or terminated, and the specific amount of funding.
- 2) Provide a detailed explanation of the criteria used to review the programs, services, grants, contracts, contracts, projects, loan guarantees, disaster loans, and other funding that have been paused, curtailed or terminated.
- 3) Provide an explanation of the statutory authority for any pauses, curtailment, or termination of funding.
- 4) SBA's resource partners and other grant recipients operate on a reimbursable basis, some quarterly and some monthly. How will these executive orders affect their pending reimbursements for services already provided to small businesses?
- 5) Provide a detailed list of outstanding reimbursements for the Small Business Development Centers, Women's Business Centers, SCORE, State Trade Expansion Program. and Veterans Business Outreach Centers.
- 6) For programs in which funding has been paused, is there a "stop work" order for resource partners, grant recipients, or contractors?
- 7) Will resource partners be reimbursed for providing statutorily mandated services during any pause in funding?
- 8) What guidance do you plan to issue to resource partners, grant recipients, contractors, and anyone else affected by these executive orders? How do you plan to disseminate information and answer recipients' questions, in light of staffing freezes and terminations?
- 9) What is the status of the notice of awards for the Small Business Development Centers, Women's Business Centers, SCORE, and Veterans Business Outreach Centers.
- 10) What are the number and value of any SBA contracts or grants identified as savings on the so-called "Department of Government Efficiency" (DOGE) website?
- 11) What are the number and value of any terminated contracts or grants that were awarded to a small business concern?
- 12) What is the total number of contracts terminated? What authority is cited for each termination, specifically referencing the executive order or the agency memo/directive/letter implementing government-wide initiatives?
- 13) What are the total award value (or ceiling) and the total obligated funds per contract to date, as well as the remaining period of performance?
- 14) What is the dollar value of invoices from any terminated contracts that have been submitted to SBA for work performed by the contractor that have not yet been paid by SBA?

Pursuant to Rule X of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Small Business has broad authority to investigate "problems of all types of small business." The Committee possesses jurisdiction over "assistance to and protection of small businesses."

With that said, Congress appropriated funds to SBA for programs to help entrepreneurs launch and grow their small businesses. These deleterious actions undercut those services for millions of small businesses owners across the country, and we urge you to reverse course immediately.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact the Committee's minority staff at 202-225-4038.

Sincerely,



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