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The Honorable John F. Kerry
Chairman
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Committee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Kerry:

Thank you for your letter dated February 1, 2008, concerning the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Federal Contract Assistance Procedures.

The proposed rule implementing the WOSB Federal Contract Assistance Procedures was published in the Federal Register on December 27, 2007. The public comment period for the proposed rule is currently open and expires on February 25, 2008. Accordingly, your letter will be considered in the rulemaking process and incorporated into the administrative record along with all other public comments that SBA receives on the proposed rule. As a courtesy, your letter has been scanned into the Federal E-Rulemaking Portal at Regulations.Gov so that it will be publicly available to other commenters.

Identical letters have been sent to your colleagues. If you have any additional questions or comments, please contact me directly.

Sincerely yours,

Steven C. Preston