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COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6350

June 11, 2003

VIA FACSIMILE & FIRST-CLASS MAIL

The Honorable Hector V. Barreto
Administrator
The U.S. Small Business Administration
409 3rd Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20415

Re: COMPILATION OF SBA PILOT PROJECTS

Dear Mr. Administrator:

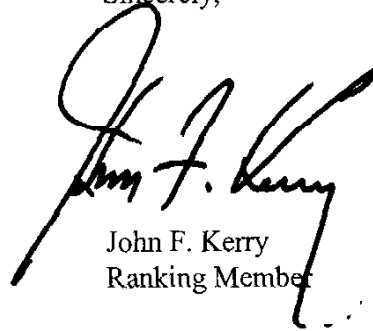
As part of the Committee's continued efforts to review the Small Business Administration and its programs for reauthorization, I request the following information regarding the pilot programs currently underway at the SBA. By statutory definition, "pilot program" means "any lending program initiative, project, innovation, or other activity not specifically authorized by law." However, we would like information about those not specifically authorized by law as well as those authorized by law.

In a chart, please provide:

- a. the name of the pilot;
- b. when it was started;
- c. when it will end;
- d. whether it was extended, and if so, when and for what reason (e.g. policy changes);
- e. whether the pilot was established legislatively or administratively;
- f. whether its operating procedures were put out for comment, and if so, when and in what document;
- g. the percentage of dollars made through the pilot program relative to the existing program broken down by fiscal year; and,
- h. the percentage of number of loans made through the pilot program relative to the existing program broken down by fiscal year.

Please have this information delivered to us by close of business, Wednesday, June 18, 2003. If your staff has any questions, please have them contact Ms. Kevin Wheeler 224-3722. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John F. Kerry". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right and then loops back down.

John F. Kerry
Ranking Member