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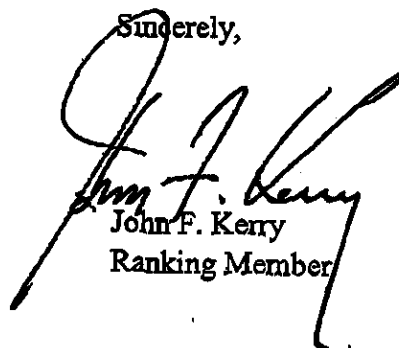
Re: FY2005 Legislative Package

Dear Administrator Barreto:

I am writing regarding the status of the Small Business Administration's legislative package for FY2005. Neither Chairman Snowe nor I have received it, and historically agencies provide that package to their respective committees of jurisdiction when the budget is delivered the first week in February. Last year our Committee did not get a package from the SBA until April, with an additional package presented in July, which was very late in the process. Right now the Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship and the House Committee on Small Business are aiming to finish the SBA's legislative revisions for FY2005 by June 4, 2004. If the Agency has proposals that it would like Congress to consider, please send Chairman Snowe and me the SBA's FY2005 legislative package as soon as possible.

I look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,



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 Ranking Member