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The Honorable John F. Kerry
Unites States Senate
Committee on Small Business
and Entrepreneurship
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Kerry:

Thank you for your letter of September 1, 2005 regarding extending the deadline for applications for Physical Disaster Business Loans for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

To ensure prompt handling, I have assigned your letter to the appropriate program office to review for response and/ or evaluation. If you have any questions in the meantime, please have one of your staff contact Tiffani Cooper in SBA's Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs at (202) 205-6700.

Sincerely,

Donald R. Swain
Director
Executive Secretariat

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