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The Honorable John F. Kerry  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kerry:

Thank you for your May 26, 2006 letter requesting that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) extend the deadline for filing applications for Economic Injury Disaster Loans from victims of Hurricane Katrina.

I am pleased to inform you that the deadlines to file economic injury disaster loans for businesses affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have been extended by 30 days. Accordingly, applications for economic injury disaster loans for businesses affected by Hurricane Katrina may be filed until the close of business on June 28, 2006 and by Hurricane Rita until the close of business on July 26, 2006.

Thank you for your continuing support of the SBA Disaster Assistance Program. If you or your staff have additional questions, please contact C. Edward "Tee" Rowe in our Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs at (202) 205-6700.

Sincerely,

Hector V. Barreto  
Administrator