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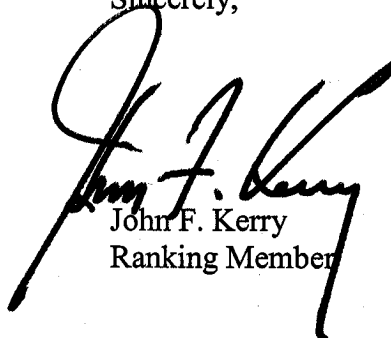
Re: Summary of Size Standard Proposal Comments

Dear Administrator Barreto:

I am writing to request a summary of the comments received by the SBA regarding its March 19, 2004 (13 CFR Part 121) size standard proposal. Please include in the summary a tabulation of the number of comments received, the number of comments supporting the proposal, the number of comments against the proposal, a list of the recommendations received, and the number of times each recommendation was suggested. It would also be useful if you would send sample copies of the comments, including one of each of the most common recommendations.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important issue. Please respond by close of business on Wednesday, January 12, 2005. If you or your staff have any questions regarding this request, please contact Marc Comer of my Committee staff at (202) 224-8496.

Sincerely,



John F. Kerry  
Ranking Member