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COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP
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VIA FACSIMILE & FIRST-CLASS MAIL

The Honorable Hector V. Barreto
Administrator
Small Business Administration
409 Third Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20416

Re: Request for information concerning certain SBA loan programs

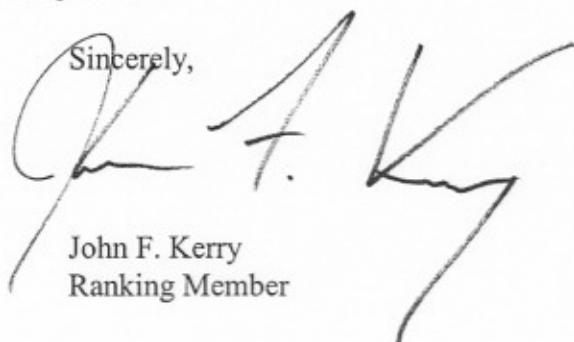
Dear Administrator Barreto:

As Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship, for oversight purposes of the Small Business Administration and its loan programs, I respectfully request the most current lending information available for the following loan programs: the 7(a) Loan Guarantee Program, the 504 Loan Guarantee Program, and the SBA's Microloan Program. Please provide the information for each state and territory. Yesterday, the SBA's Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs was given samples of what I am requesting, but I am providing those again with this letter to avoid further confusion and delay.

Please have this information delivered to my Committee office, Senate Russell Office Building Room 442, to the attention of Ms. Patricia Forbes, Democratic Staff Director and Chief Counsel, by close of business today, Friday, February 11, 2005.

Thank you, in advance, for your prompt cooperation.

Sincerely,



John F. Kerry
Ranking Member

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