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The Honorable Hector V. Barreto  
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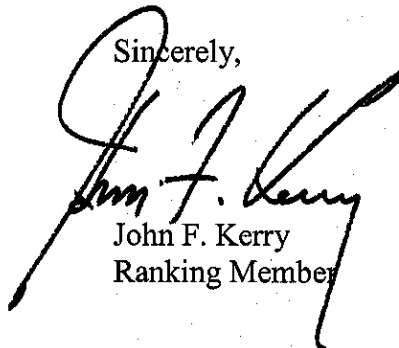
Re: Unexpended Women's Business Centers Funding

Dear Administrator Barreto:

It has recently come to the Committee's attention that there may be Women's Business Center program funding that, while allocated to be used for women's business center grants, has not been drawn down by the women's business centers. Please provide the Committee with a list, by fiscal year, starting with fiscal year 2001, that includes the funds appropriated, the amount rescinded, the amount used for program oversight, any amount carried over, and any amount unexpended for the Women's Business Center program. In addition, please provide an explanation of the state of all remaining unexpended funds.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Please respond by close of business on Thursday, March 31, 2005. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me or Marc Comer of my Committee staff at (202) 224-8496. Please have the response faxed to (202) 228-1814. Thank you for your prompt reply.

Sincerely,



John F. Kerry  
Ranking Member