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COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6350

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VIA FACSIMILE & FIRST-CLASS MAIL

The Honorable Steven C. Preston
Administrator
U.S. Small Business Administration
409 Third Street, SW, Room 7000
Washington, DC 20416

Re: FY2008 Legislative Package for the Small Business Administration

Dear Administrator Preston:

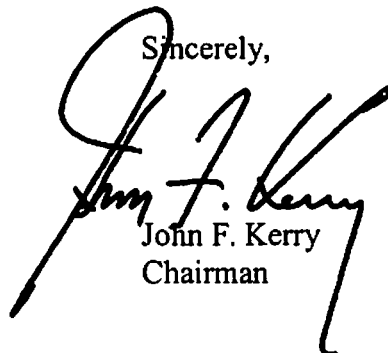
I am writing regarding the status of the Small Business Administration's (SBA) legislative package for FY2008. The Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship has not yet received it, and historically agencies provide that package to their respective committees of jurisdiction when the budget is delivered the first week in February.

For the Administration's proposals to be considered, we should have the package before our Committee's hearing on the budget proposal and before the Senate Committee on Budget marks up the budget resolution. Unfortunately, both of those dates have passed.

Because many of the President's proposals would require legislative changes, I ask you to please send to us the SBA's FY2008 legislative package by Friday, March 30, 2007.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



John F. Kerry
Chairman