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RE: "Agency-Wide Reorganization" of the U.S. Small Business Administration

Dear President Trump, Acting Director Ezell and Administrator Loeffler:

On behalf of Small Business Majority and the undersigned national and state organizations that serve our nation's 34 million small businesses, we write to express our concern with the Small Business Administration's (SBA) recent decision to reduce its workforce by 43%, which represents approximately 2,700 active positions within the agency.

In recent years, the SBA has met record levels of business growth head on by providing increased levels of financing to small businesses and expanding the reach of its technical assistance and training programs nationwide. In FY 2024 alone, SBA increased its annual capital impact for small businesses and disaster-impacted communities to \$56 billion and supported the highest number of new financings to small businesses (108,000) since 2008, a 50% increase over 2020.¹ An unwarranted 43% reduction in staffing would severely hinder the agency's ability to continue this level of support for our nation's job creators and entrepreneurs, stripping away vital resources that help small businesses drive innovation in our economy.

What's more, the administration's decision to transfer the federal government's whopping \$1.6 trillion student loan portfolio to the SBA (which is triple that of SBA's business loan portfolio) has left small business owners wondering how an agency tasked with supporting small business would be able to juggle servicing existing business loans while also taking on student loans with a shrinking workforce.² At a time in which small businesses continue to grapple with the impacts of tariffs, federal funding freezes, and mass deportations, the small business ecosystem requires certainty, guidance, and leadership from the

¹ "SBA 2024 Capital Report." U.S. Small Business Administration. October 2024. https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/2024-10/Capital%20Impact%20Report%202024_Final_1.pdf

² "Republicans hesitant to stand behind Trump's plan for student loans." Politico. March 31, 2025. <https://www.politico.com/news/2025/03/31/republicans-say-small-business-administration-not-equipped-to-take-over-student-loans-00258587>

SBA to navigate an increasingly uncertain economic landscape that has already seen businesses adjust their capital investment plans for the year ahead.

We call upon the SBA to address the outcry of public concern for the increased workload and decreased capacity that could severely incapacitate the SBA's ability to serve the growing demand for its services as our nation's entrepreneurial community continues to grow at a record pace. We urge the administration to reevaluate this harmful decision and reconsider its impact on the millions of small businesses that rely on SBA staff every year to deliver the financing and resources necessary for their prosperity. Small businesses deserve and require the support of an SBA that is working at full capacity to ensure that they can remain the engines of local communities and our national economy.

Sincerely,

Small Business Majority

Accion Opportunity Fund

AmPac Business Capital

Asociacion de Emprendedor@s

New York City Black Chamber of Commerce

California Capital Financial Development Corporation

Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce

CEDS Finance

GeekPack®

Latino Community Foundation

Manzanita LLC

National Latina Business Women Association-IE Institute

Small Business Anti-Displacement Network

South Carolina Small Business Chamber of Commerce

Startup Colorado

The Entrepreneurial Development and Leadership Institute

Unite-LA

Women's Economic Ventures