



March 12, 2026

The Honorable Kelly Loeffler  
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U.S. Small Business Administration  
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Washington, DC 20416

Thomas Kimsey  
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U.S. Small Business Administration  
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Dear Administrator Loeffler and Associate Administrator Kimsey:

On behalf of Small Business Majority and the undersigned state and national organizations, we write in strong opposition to the Small Business Administration's (SBA) February 2 policy notice adjusting SOP 50 10 8, and subsequent policy changes, that revoke access to SBA loans for Legal Permanent Residents (LPRs) and requires any small business seeking SBA-backed loans to be 100% owned by U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals, effective March 1, 2026. This unprecedented escalation of the agency's original restrictions and abrupt rescission of its December 2025 policy notice, which would have extended loan eligibility to small firms partially owned by non-citizens, will have immediate consequences for America's small businesses.

While the original guidance issued under SOP 50 10 8 sought to restrict the usage of SBA's core capital programs to business owners who had no foreign ownership stake or to those who had hired a key employee that was of immigrant status, the guidance issued in February and March further solidifies barriers to those who are seeking out access to the American Dream. These actions will negatively impact those who have made a commitment to our country and our economy by taking away the opportunity for SBA financing for green card holders. It is important to note that SBA retains the right to adjust lending policies based on ever-changing standards put forth by the administration; however, targeting LPRs by barring access to SBA programs is a misguided approach that ignores critical economic data underscoring the job creating power of the immigrant community. The latest decision by SBA fails to recognize that immigrants are twice as likely to start a business as native-born U.S. citizens and nearly 20% of all small businesses in the U.S. are immigrant-owned.<sup>1</sup> Given that reality, SBA's severe restrictions will have a negative impact on small business creation throughout this country for years to come.

Small Business Majority strongly supports reforming our national immigration laws to ensure that entrepreneurs of all backgrounds can continue to contribute to our thriving economy legally. To do this, we must maintain access to the privileges that proceeding through the legal immigration system provides to LPRs and prospective new citizens including in their ability to access key programs at SBA. We are urging SBA to reconsider its decision to impose sweeping restrictions that will undoubtedly impact our economic growth for years to come.

For any questions or additional information, please contact our Senior Director of Federal Government Affairs, Alexis D'Amato Falvey, at [adamato@smallbusinessmajority.org](mailto:adamato@smallbusinessmajority.org).

Sincerely,

Small Business Majority  
Accompany Capital  
Adelante Community Development  
Association for Enterprise Opportunity (AEO)  
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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau. Annual Business Survey (ABS) 2022: Characteristics of Business Owners. Retrieved from the Census Bureau data portal.

Alianza NORCO  
Allies for Community Business  
American Booksellers Association  
Ascendus (CDFI)  
Asian Business Association  
Asian Pacific Islander Small Business Program (APISBP)  
ASIAN, Inc.  
Aurora Small Business Consulting LLC  
Bet Tzedek Legal Services  
Boston Impact Initiative  
Boston Ujima Project  
Business Community Lenders of Texas  
Brooklyn Cooperative FCU  
California Coalition for Community Investment  
California Community Colleges  
California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative  
Center for American Entrepreneurship  
Center for Entrepreneurial Opportunity (Third Way)  
Center for Small Business and the Environment (CSBE)  
Central Valley Immigrant Integration Collaborative (CVIIC)  
City Heights CDC  
City of Boston, Office of Small Business  
City of St Louis Division of Civilian Oversight  
Coalition for the American Dream  
Colorado Fiscal Institute - CFI  
Common Capital  
CommonWealth Kitchen  
Community Allies  
Community Enterprise Development Services (CEDS)  
Community Reinvestment Alliance of Florida  
Consumers Council of Missouri  
Cooperation Buffalo  
Cooperative Fund of the Northeast  
Edgewater Collective  
Excite Credit Union  
Global Detroit  
Greater Newark Enterprises Corp.  
Greylock Management Consulting  
Gunnison Country Chamber of Commerce  
Harlingen CDC  
Henries & Co.  
Hispanic Leadership Fund  
ICON CDC  
Immigrants Rising  
Inclusive Action for the City  
Inner City Capital Connections - ICIC  
Institute for Local Self-Reliance - ILSR  
IRC's Center for Economic Opportunity  
La Cocina  
LEAF - Local Enterprise Assistance Fund  
LEEAF  
Legacy Roots Housing Initiative LLC  
Living Local 413

Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)  
Local Return  
Lower East Side People's FCU  
Main Street Alliance (MSA)  
Main Street Launch  
Manhattan Chamber of Commerce  
Microenterprise Collaborative of Inland Southern California  
Minnesota CDFI Coalition  
Minnesota Consortium of Community Developers  
National CAPACD- National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development  
National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC)  
New Economy Project  
New North Citizens Council  
New York Professional Advisors for Community Entrepreneurs  
Nuestras Raices  
NYS CDFI Coalition  
Petra Impact Partners  
Philadelphia Association of Community Development Corporations  
Renaissance Economic Development Corp.  
Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce  
Rise Economy  
Rocky Mountain Microfinance Institute (RMMFI)  
Rogers Park Business Alliance  
San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce  
SC Small Business Chamber of Commerce  
Sister Carmen Community Center  
Small Business Anti-Displacement Network  
South Asian Network  
Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning  
St. Louis Small Business Empowerment Center  
The Boston Foundation  
The Franchise Consulting Company  
The Greenlining Institute  
TMC Financing  
U.S. Haitian Chamber of Commerce, Inc.  
United Taxi Workers of San Diego  
Unite-LA  
Uptima Entrepreneur Cooperative  
Vision y Compromiso  
We Are ALX  
Women's Economic Ventures  
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