

January 21, 2021

The Honorable Ben Cardin
Chairman, U.S Senate Committee on Small
Business & Entrepreneurship
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Marco Rubio
Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Committee on
Small Business & Entrepreneurship
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Confirmation of President Biden's Nominee, Isabel Guzman, as Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration

Dear Chairman Cardin and Ranking Member Rubio:

As a representative of America's 30 million small businesses, Small Business Majority writes today to strongly urge you to schedule a hearing to swiftly confirm Isabel Guzman as President Biden's nominee as Administrator for the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

Small Business Majority is a national small business organization that empowers America's diverse entrepreneurs to build a thriving and inclusive economy. We engage our network of more than 80,000 small businesses and 1,000 business and community organizations to advocate for public policy solutions and deliver resources to entrepreneurs that promote equitable small business growth.

The nomination of Isabel Guzman to lead the SBA is welcome news for small businesses and our economy in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Guzman has a distinguished career, which includes serving as the Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor for the SBA under President Obama followed by her current leadership as the Director of California's Office of the Small Business Advocate. She has demonstrated her passion and commitment to ensuring that small businesses are central to a thriving and inclusive economy, which is why we urge you to confirm her quickly.

Small Business Majority has worked closely with Guzman to support small businesses nationally and in California to put the needs of small businesses, particularly women and minority-owned businesses front and center. We've seen firsthand that she has worked diligently to enhance California's investments in small business and women development centers.

The SBA plays a pivotal role in America's entrepreneurial ecosystem through critical sources of funding, training and business assistance for small businesses. These resources, particularly the Paycheck Protection Program and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program, are crucial to small businesses as they navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and we are thankful for the work your Committee has done to address the needs of small businesses. Small businesses continue to struggle to keep their doors open, and they require a champion who will ensure they make it safely to shore.

In order to guarantee small businesses are truly supported and prioritized during a tumultuous economic period, we urge you to immediately appoint Isabel Guzman as SBA Administrator.

Sincerely,



John Arensmeyer
Founder and CEO

cc: The Honorable Chuck Schumer, Majority Leader
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader