

February 25, 2021

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

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

Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell:

As a representative of America's 30 million small businesses, Small Business Majority writes today to urge the Senate 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 equitable 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 and subsequent Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship confirmation of Isabel Guzman to lead the SBA is welcome news for small businesses and our economy during 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 recent 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 Congress 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 strongly urge you to immediately confirm Isabel Guzman as SBA Administrator.

Sincerely,



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Founder and CEO