

November 16, 2010

The Honorable Mary L. Landrieu  
Chair, Committee on Small Business  
and Entrepreneurship  
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Russell Senate Office Building  
Room 428A  
Washington, DC 20510

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