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The Honorable Joni Ernst
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The Honorable Edward J. Markey
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Dear Chair Ernst and Ranking Member Markey:

As Members of the House Small Business Committee, we urge the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate SBC) to prioritize consideration of bipartisan small business legislation that has already passed the House of Representatives. Congress must take every opportunity to advance policies that strengthen small businesses' ability to invest, innovate, create jobs, and serve their communities. With limited time remaining in the 119th Congress, we respectfully urge that the Senate SBC act on them before the end of this year.

Small businesses are the backbone of the American economy. According to the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy, the nation's 36.2 million small businesses make up 99% of all U.S. firms. They employ over 62 million Americans and are essential drivers of economic growth, job creation, and innovation across the country.[1] They are the family restaurants, contractors, manufacturers, retailers, and service providers that anchor communities in every state and congressional district.

Unlike large corporations, most small businesses do not have deep cash reserves, in-house legal and cybersecurity staff, or easy access to credit to carry them through a hard stretch. Small businesses are looking to Congress to do its part in pass legislation that improves certainty and drives investment and innovation in America's vibrant small business community.

The House of Representatives has demonstrated that meaningful, bipartisan progress to these ends is possible. Through the work of the House Committee on Small Business, we have advanced over 30 pieces of bipartisan legislation designed to address the needs of America's small businesses. These bills have subsequently passed the House and are currently awaiting consideration by the Senate Small Business Committee.

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[1] U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Advocacy, "Frequently Asked Questions About Small Business, 2026," February 3, 2026. https://advocacy.sba.gov/2026/02/03/frequently-asked-questions-about-small-business-2026/

We respectfully urge the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship to build on this progress by promptly advancing the following House-passed, bipartisan measures before the end of the 119th Congress:

1. H.R. 153, Post-Disaster Assistance Online Accountability Act
2. H.R. 754, Investing in Main Street Act
3. H.R. 787, Plain Language in Contracting Act
4. H.R. 788, DOE and SBA Research Act
5. H.R. 789, Transparency and Predictability in Small Business Opportunities Act
6. H.R. 804, Rural Small Business Resilience Act
7. H.R. 818, SPUR Act
8. H.R. 825, Assisting Small Businesses Not Fraudsters Act
9. H.R. 826, COVID Fraud Transparency Act
10. H.R. 828, SERV Act
11. H.R. 832, Small Business Advocacy Improvements Act
12. H.R. 915, Small Business Technological Advancement Act
13. H.R. 1621, Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Reporting Act
14. H.R. 1634, ThinkDIFFERENTLY About Disability Employment Act
15. H.R. 1642, Connecting Small Businesses with Career and Technical Education Graduates Act of 2025
16. H.R. 1804, 7(a) Loan Agent Oversight Act
17. H.R. 1816, WOSB Accountability Act
18. H.R. 3496, Northern Mariana Islands Small Business Access
19. H.R. 4238, Disaster Loan Accountability and Reform Act (DLARA)
20. H.R. 4491, SBA IT Modernization Reporting Act
21. H.R. 4495, SBA Fraud Enforcement Extension Act
22. H.R. 4549, Office of Rural Affairs Enhancement Act
23. H.R. 5763, Main Street Parity Act
24. H.R. 5764, AI for Main Street Act
25. H.R. 5784, AI–WISE Act
26. H.R. 5788, 504 Program Risk Oversight Act
27. H.R. 7396, Native American Entrepreneurial Opportunity Act
28. H.R. 7401, Small Business Lending Fraud Prevention Act
29. H.R. 8879, Oversight and Transparency for Small Business Certifications Act
30. H.R. 8880, Small Business Cybersecurity Assistance Evaluation Act
31. H.R. 8881, SBA Artificial Intelligence Utilization Act
32. H.R. 8882, Main Street Competes Act

These measures represent meaningful opportunities to deliver tangible benefits to small businesses. By taking them up, the Committee can help provide entrepreneurs with greater certainty, improve access to critical resources, and strengthen the conditions necessary for small businesses to grow and compete.

The House has demonstrated that bipartisan cooperation can produce results for small businesses. We urge the Senate to build on that work. Advancing these measures would demonstrate a shared

commitment to supporting America's entrepreneurs and ensuring that small businesses have the tools and opportunities they need to thrive.

We appreciate your leadership and the Committee's work on behalf of America's small businesses, and we stand ready to work with you and your colleagues to see these bills signed into law before the end of this Congress.

Sincerely,

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