



February X, 2025

The Honorable -----  
United States -----  
----- Office Building  
Washington, DC -----

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

As a member of the first advocacy organization for all women business owners, the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) was founded in 1975 in Washington, D.C. Nearly fifty years later, we are proud to carry on the tradition of our founders and represent more than 14 million women business owners in this country. Women business owners contribute significantly to the U.S. economy, adding \$3.3 trillion in 2024, and have the potential to bring an additional \$10.2 trillion in economic activity.

Media is reporting that the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) has asked for unfettered access to all the Small Business Administration or S-B-A systems, including HR, contract, and payment systems. As a small business owner [Insert Name of Business] in [City, State] and your constituent, I am very concerned.

President Dwight Eisenhower signed the Small Business Act, creating the Small Business Administration in 1953. The SBA began to provide dedicated support for small businesses competing in an increasingly corporate-dominated economy. The importance of the agency grew, and later, recognizing small businesses' vital role in the American economy, the agency was elevated to cabinet-level status in 1994. SBA provides crucial services to small businesses, including thousands of small businesses recovering from the devastating Hurricanes in the fall and the Southern California fires. For reference, in fiscal year 2024, the SBA delivered \$56 billion to small businesses and disaster-impacted communities. In addition, as a women business owner, programs like the Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) program have helped women enter the federal procurement system and scale their businesses. It goes without saying that the SBA resource partners provide countless hours of training and counseling to the millions of small business owners across America.

Any lag in services provided by the SBA could have monumental consequences, including but not limited to:

- Small businesses not being able to pay their bills due to the removal of daily small business loan processing, which averages \$107 million in lending support,
- Shuttered businesses when disaster loan application processing and disbursement for small businesses trying to recover from fires and hurricanes goes down.

These examples are just the tip of the iceberg, and I am writing to your office to ensure that you are monitoring this developing situation and taking proactive steps in your Congressional oversight role to understand what DOGE's plans are as it relates to the SBA. SBA provides crucial services to businesses, and as my representative in Washington, D.C., you must ensure that DOGE does not take any action that will impede the agency from executing its congressionally-mandated activities or otherwise override Congressional authority. If we want to keep America vibrant, we need a strong SBA.

Sincerely,