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Senator Olympia Snowe  
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Dear Senators Landrieu and Snowe:

Thank you for scheduling a confirmation hearing for the President's nominee for Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA). The National Association of Small Business Investment Companies (NASBIC) strongly supports the nomination of Karen Gordon Mills and encourages her timely confirmation.

Small Business Investment Companies (SBIC) invest exclusively in domestic small businesses. By partnering with the SBA, we harness and enhance the power of the private sector to provide vital capital that small businesses use to grow, modernize and compete. The SBIC program's success in growing small businesses into American economic icons is well established, including: Federal Express, Intel, Callaway Golf, Outback Steakhouse, PeopleSoft, Apple and over 200 NASDAQ listed companies. Small businesses need the SBIC program now more than ever to grow jobs and lift the economy. Critical to our continuing success is a supportive partner at the SBA. We believe that with Karen Gordon Mills as Administrator, we will have such a partner.

NASBIC's members anticipate that Karen Gordon Mills will be an excellent SBA Administrator who will play a critical role in growing and revitalizing small businesses by fully utilizing the SBIC program. She brings everything we could hope for in an Administrator. She is a proven manager, a successful entrepreneur, and an established leader in public policy. We look forward to working with her and the rest of the President's small business team.

America's small businesses need a strong advocate and we believe that President Obama has made an excellent choice. We strongly encourage you to support the confirmation of Karen Mills for SBA Administrator.

Sincerely,

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