



March 10, 2025

The Honorable Joni Ernst  
Chair  
Senate Committee on Small Business &  
Entrepreneurship  
United States Senate  
260 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ed Markey  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Small Business &  
Entrepreneurship  
United States Senate  
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Ernst, Ranking Member Markey, and Members of the Committee:

As the nation's oldest small business advocacy organization, representing our membership of more than 65,000 and the 70+ million owners and employees that make up the U.S. small business sector, we are writing to express our strong support for the nomination of William Briggs, of Texas, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA).

The SBA plays a pivotal role in helping ensure that small businesses—which represent more than 99 percent of all companies operating in the United States and employ roughly half the nation's workforce—have access to the resources, capital, and support they need to start, grow, and thrive in an increasingly competitive global economy.

Mr. Briggs brings a wealth of experience and a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing America's small businesses. His tenure as Acting Associate Administrator in the SBA's Office of Capital Access, as well as his leadership in public policy and financial services, have demonstrated his commitment to the small businesses community and make him uniquely qualified to serve as Deputy Administrator.

NSBA is confident that Mr. Briggs will bring the vision, leadership, and dedication necessary to strengthen the SBA's mission and support America's small businesses. We respectfully urge you to advance his nomination out of Committee and confirm him before the full Senate.

Sincerely,

Todd McCracken  
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National Small Business Association

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Executive Director  
Small Business Exporters Association

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cc: The Honorable James Risch  
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The Honorable Tim Scott  
The Honorable Todd Young  
The Honorable Josh Hawley  
The Honorable Ted Budd  
The Honorable John Curtis  
The Honorable Jim Justice  
The Honorable John Husted

The Honorable Maria Cantwell  
The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen  
The Honorable Cory Booker  
The Honorable Chris Coons  
The Honorable Mazie Hirono  
The Honorable Jacky Rosen  
The Honorable John Hickenlooper  
The Honorable Adam Schiff