Congress of the United States

H.S. House of Representatives Committee on Small Business 2361 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-6315

March 19, 2025

The Honorable Kelly Loeffler Administrator U.S. Small Business Administration 409 3rd Street SW Washington, DC 20416

Dear Administrator Loeffler:

On December 11, 2024, the House Committee on Small Business (Committee) released its interim staff report on the Biden-Harris U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) voter registration activities and partisan implementation of Executive Order 14019 Promoting Access to Voting (E.O. 14019). The Committee's interim report revealed unlawful electioneering efforts highlighting the Biden-Harris Administration's unresponsive, duplicative, and vague production of documents to Congress. In response to Committee inquiries, former SBA Administrator Guzman and her staff provided misleading and inconsistent testimony. Furthermore, the Biden-Harris SBA defied a lawful subpoena and frustrated the separation of powers between Congress and the Executive Branch, demonstrating a gross disregard for accountability and transparency to the American people.

The Committee shares the Trump Administration's commitments to government accountability and election transparency. I am optimistic that the SBA, under your leadership, will work with the Committee to uncover the truth about the SBA's previous voter registration related activities. On your first day, the Committee was pleased to see your commitment to rescinding the SBA's 2024 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Michigan Department of State. It is imperative that the SBA continues to bring back its focus to helping Main Street America.

Last year, the Biden-Harris SBA failed to produce sufficient documents and information that would shed light on its activities. For your reference, below is the list of outstanding documents and information the Biden Administration withheld from the Committee:⁵

¹ H. COMM. ON SMALL BUS., WEAPONIZING FEDERAL RESOURCES: INTERIM FINDINGS ON THE SBA'S MICHIGAN VOTER REGISTRATION SCHEME (Dec. 11, 2024).

² *Id.* at 29, 33.

³ *Id.* at 33.

⁴ See Press Release, U.S. Small Bus. Admin., SBA Administrator Loeffler Issues Memo on Day One Priorities (Feb. 24, 2025).

⁵ See Subpoena from Roger Williams, Chairman, H. Comm. on Small Bus., to Isabella C. Guzman, Adm'r, U.S. Small Bus. Admin. (Jul. 30, 2024).

- 1. All communications, including Microsoft Teams messages, between and among SBA personnel regarding E.O. 14019 and/or the MOU, from March 10, 2021, to present.
- 2. All communications between SBA personnel and third parties, including but not limited to small business owners, associations, non-profits, and SBA resource partners in the State of Michigan, regarding E.O. 14019 and/or the MOU, from March 10, 2021, to present.
- 3. A full, unredacted copy of any implementation plans regarding this MOU.
- 4. Interim and final reports drafted and submitted to the White House regarding implementation of the E.O. from March 1, 2021, through October 31, 2021.
- 5. Evidence sufficient to show whether the SBA engaged in any activity relating to voter access or voter registration before the MOU's March 19, 2024 announcement.
- 6. The calendar for the following individuals from June 1, 2022, through December 2024:
 - a. Isabella Casillas Guzman;⁶
 - b. Dilawar Syed
 - c. Arthur Plews
 - d. Jennifer Kim⁷
 - e. Victor Parker
 - f. Destine Hicks
 - g. Geri Sanchez Aglipay
 - h. Laketa Henderson
 - i. Julie Verratti (up until she departed SBA)
 - j. Scott Harriford (up until he departed SBA)
 - k. The SBA individual appointed as the Michigan National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA).
- 7. All travel itineraries for trips the following individuals have taken and are currently scheduled to take in the future, including where, when, and with whom, from March 1, 2024, through the end of the year:
 - a. Isabella Casillas Guzman
 - b. Dilawar Syed
 - c. Arthur Plews
 - d. Jennifer Kim
 - e. Victor Parker
 - f. Destine Hicks
 - g. Geri Sanchez Aglipay

⁶ The Committee has received the calendar entries for Isabella Casillas Guzman from June 1, 2022—May 31, 2023.

⁷ The Committee has received the calendar entries for Jennifer Kim from June 1, 2022—December 31, 2022.

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- h. Laketa Henderson
- i. Julie Verratti (up until she departed SBA)
- j. Scott Harriford (up until he departed SBA)
- k. The SBA individual appointed as the Michigan National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA).
- 8. All trip summaries and/or related documents memorializing reimbursement for costs associated with political activities under the Hatch Act, including all reimbursement statements, for all trips encompassed in requests 6 and 7 of this letter.
- 9. All existing transcripts of remarks made by SBA personnel on trips encompassed in requests 6 and 7 of this letter.

The Committee looks forward to working with the Trump Administration to uncover the truth and vigorously support small businesses across the country. Please contact the Committee on Small Business Majority Staff at (202) 225-5821 with any questions. The Committee has broad authority to investigate "problems of all types of small business" under House Rule X. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this inquiry.

In God We Trust,

Roger Williams Chairman

House Committee on Small Business

cc: The Honorable Nydia M. Velázquez, Ranking Member