

Congress of the United States
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Small Business
2561 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6515

January 23, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

The House Committee on Small Business (Committee) writes to express its support for the appointment of Casey Mulligan as the Chief Counsel of the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Office of Advocacy. The Office of Advocacy serves as the voice for small businesses within the Federal Government and ensures Federal Agencies comply with the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA). This position has been vacant for far too long, leaving the Office of Advocacy rudderless and small businesses without a voice.

During the 118th Congress, the Committee sent former President Biden two letters urging him to fill this position, yet he failed to nominate a candidate.¹ Further, the Committee's Staff Report on the RFA found that Federal agencies repeatedly failed to comply with the RFA's requirements to the detriment of small businesses.² With your appointment of a new Chief Counsel, the Office of Advocacy will have a greater ability reduce regulatory burdens on small businesses.

The Committee looks forward to working with you, the SBA, and the Office of Advocacy to reduce red tape and provide small businesses with a voice in the Federal Government. A strong Office of Advocacy will help ensure that small businesses, which make up 99.9 percent of all businesses in the United States, are brought into the golden age of America.

¹ Letter from Roger Williams, et al., Chairman, H. Comm. On Small Bus., to Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States. (Feb. 16, 2023); Letter from Roger Williams, Chairman, H. Comm. On Small Bus., to Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States. (Feb. 16, 2024).

² U.S. H. COMM. ON SMALL BUS., REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT (RFA) REPORT: AGENCIES' NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THE RFA (May 2024).

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January 21, 2025
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In God We Trust,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

Roger Williams
Chairman
Committee on Small Business

cc: The Honorable Nydia M. Velázquez, Ranking Member
Committee on Small Business