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The Honorable Kelly Loeffler
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U.S. Small Business Administration
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Dear Administrator Loeffler,

The Small Business Administration's (SBA) decision to strip federal resources from Massachusetts comes at the expense of entrepreneurs, workers, responsible governance, and contradicts the SBA's mission to serve all small businesses equitably and effectively. Since taking office, you and President Trump have closed the SBA's Springfield, Massachusetts branch office, threatened to relocate the Boston District Office, and withheld funding from Massachusetts's Women's Business Center (WBC) program. While doing so, the Administration has failed to offer evidence for how these decisions serve small businesses. Under your leadership, the SBA has become yet another vehicle for advancing a partisan political agenda. Massachusetts small businesses, workers, and entrepreneurs deserve an SBA that works for them. Therefore, I demand that SBA immediately end its political targeting of Massachusetts small businesses and fully restore the federal resources that entrepreneurs and workers across the Commonwealth deserve.

On June 1, 2025, the so-called Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) and the SBA closed the Springfield branch office, eliminating a critical point of access for entrepreneurs and small businesses across western Massachusetts.¹ When I wrote to you and asked for the basis for this decision, you replied that "after internal deliberations, the agency has elected to relocate the district office to a new location that will be more accessible for small business owners and more cost-efficient for taxpayers."² This was not true. On May 1, 2026, during a briefing with SBA and the General Services Administration (GSA), GSA confirmed that SBA never requested the reopening of the Springfield office, despite SBA making many prior assurances to Congress

¹ Julia O'Keefe & Kristina D'Amours, *Springfield's Small Business Administration Office to close Sunday*, WWLP (May 29, 2025), <https://www.wwlp.com/news/local-news/hampden-county/springfields-smallbusinessadministration-office-to-close-sunday/>.

² Letter from Kelly Loeffler, Admin., U.S. Small Bus. Admin., to author (June 3, 2025) (on file with author).

that the process was well underway.³ In the same briefing, SBA changed its story and stated that SBA did not feel that Massachusetts needed additional resources which should go to other states.⁴

Similarly, on March 6, 2025, SBA announced plans to move District and Regional Offices out of so-called “sanctuary city” jurisdictions.⁵ Since then, I have learned that SBA plans to spend at least \$2 million in taxpayer funds to relocate the Boston District Office and Regional Office outside of Boston. These offices help provide counseling, training, and connections to resources for small business owners. Moving core SBA functions out of Boston, the state’s transit hub, would create new access barriers for local entrepreneurs who rely on these resources. Spending millions of taxpayer dollars to move offices for no reason other than political grandstanding is a wasteful and abusive use of government resources.

SBA’s treatment of Massachusetts’s WBC is equally troubling. After withholding funding for the program for more than a year, SBA suspended Massachusetts’s WBC program, threatening to terminate free counseling and training resources for almost 300,000 women-owned small businesses in the Commonwealth.⁶ Since taking office, the Trump administration has tried to systematically dismantle the WBC program by zeroing out its budget, firing support staff, and withholding payments to centers. SBA now appears to be targeting the Massachusetts WBC because of perceived deficiencies that could have been addressed had SBA provided timely program funding or responded to numerous requests for support from the host organization. Compounding the issue, SBA refuses to provide overdue funds for work already performed, which could help resolve SBA’s grievances. Under your leadership, SBA has set up this program and this center to fail and now blames individual centers for SBA’s mismanagement.

The closure of the Springfield office, the proposed relocation of Boston-area SBA operations, and the suspension of the Massachusetts WBC demonstrate a clear pattern: SBA puts politics ahead of supporting small businesses. Rather than fulfilling the agency’s mission, SBA is systematically reducing its footprint in the Commonwealth while refusing to provide transparency, rationale, or timelines for these decisions. In fact, my office has been informed that

³ Briefing with U.S. Small Bus. Admin. and U.S. Gen. Serv. Admin., virtual (May 1, 2026); *see also* E-mail from Robby Wehagen, Assoc. Admin. Off. of Cong. Affairs, U.S. Small Bus. Admin., to U.S. S. Comm. On Small Bus. & Entrepreneurship (July 17, 2025) (on file with author); *see also* briefing with U.S. Small Bus. Admin., virtual (Dec. 11, 2025).

⁴ Briefing with U.S. Small Bus. Admin. and U.S. Gen. Serv. Admin., virtual (May 1, 2026).

⁵ Press Release, U.S. Small Bus. Admin., Administrator Loeffler Announced SBA Reforms to Put American Citizens First (Mar. 6, 2025) <https://www.sba.gov/article/2025/03/06/administrator-loeffler-announces-sba-reforms-put-american-citizens-first>.

⁶ U.S. Small Bus. Admin., Off. of Advocacy, 2025 Small Bus. Profile: Mass., https://advocacy.sba.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Massachusetts_2025-State-Profile.pdf.

SBA employees have been instructed to avoid putting directives into writing, denying transparency to Congress and the public. The Trump administration has made its priorities crystal clear: billionaires get tax breaks, corporations get special treatment, and small businesses get left behind.

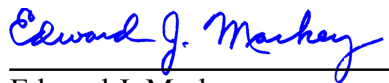
During your confirmation hearing, you promised to “restore accountability and transparency that taxpayers deserve.” Yet, during your time as Administrator, you have done nothing but turn SBA into a mouthpiece for disinformation and propaganda while dismantling resources that small businesses rely on. To help me and the public understand how and why SBA is acting in this irresponsible manner, please provide written responses to the following questions no later than July 14, 2026:

1. What analysis did SBA perform to determine that federal resources should be relocated to locations outside of Massachusetts?
2. Does SBA believe that Massachusetts small businesses are receiving the same level of access to SBA resources and programs today as they did on January 19, 2025? If so, please provide related metrics.
3. Provide a complete list of office closures across the country since January 20, 2025, including SBA’s branch offices, district offices, and regional offices.
4. Provide a complete list of office relocations or openings since January 20, 2025, across the country, including SBA’s branch offices, district offices, and regional offices.
5. Did you instruct SBA staff to mislead Congress about the reopening or relocation status of the Springfield branch office?
6. Provide the analysis performed to determine the new location of the Boston District Office. Please include:
 - a. Cost assessments, including total costs to taxpayers,
 - b. Impact on staffing levels, and
 - c. A timeline of the relocation process from start to anticipated finish.
7. Under what legal authority is SBA relocating the Boston District Office?
8. What congressionally appropriated funding account is SBA utilizing to pay for the relocation costs associated with the Boston District Office move?

9. Provide a timeline for all payments made to WBCs located in Massachusetts, including the amount of each payment, since January 20, 2025.
10. Provide all communications between SBA and GSA from January 20, 2025, to the present regarding the closure of the Springfield branch office and the relocation of the Boston District Office.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,



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on Small Business and
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