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Mr. Daryl Williams
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Dear Mr. Williams:

It is with sincere appreciation that I write to thank the Urban Entrepreneur Program (UEP) for your invaluable work to promote entrepreneurial development and small business growth in the Gulf Coast. Particularly in the wake of recent disasters, your efforts in Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and across the Gulf Coast have been critical to helping sustain and strengthen the economy.

As Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I understand the vital role support, coaching and mentorship can play in helping a small business succeed in the current difficult environment. UEP's targeted, integrated approach in assisting small businesses not only helps to create jobs in the Gulf Coast, but also serves as a model for small business assistance programs nationwide.

I commend the UEP, and your partners, for your continued work and efforts, and I look forward to working with you on your future efforts on behalf of small businesses in the Gulf Coast. With warmest regards I am,

Sincerely,



Mary L. Landrieu
Chairman