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COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS  
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By Fax: 202-512-5507

The Honorable David Walker  
Comptroller General of the United States  
General Accounting Office  
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Dear Mr. Walker:

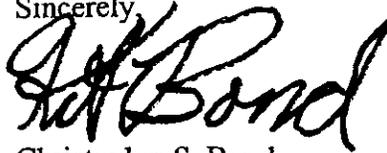
The Year 2000 (Y2K) information systems crisis poses formidable challenges to all organizations, including the Small Business Administration (SBA). In that regard, on February 12, 1999 the Committee on Small Business (Committee) requested the General Accounting Office (GAO) to verify that the SBA's mission critical systems are fully prepared for Year 2000 (Y2K).

In July 1999, the GAO reported to the Committee on its finding that the SBA lacked reasonable assurance that its systems were Y2K ready because of inadequate information systems testing. As a result of that report, the Committee requested that the SBA prepare monthly reports on its progress to implement the GAO's recommendations and that the GAO brief the Committee on its reviews of the SBA's monthly reports.

Since the Y2K issue is of such critical importance, the Committee requests the GAO to determine whether the SBA's Business Continuity and Contingency Plan (BCCP) and day-one plans are consistent with the GAO's and the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) guidance to help ensure continuity of its operations during the century change. The GAO should report any findings to the Committee as part of the GAO's ongoing Y2K monthly briefings on the SBA's progress reports.

Thank you for assisting us in this important matter. Please contact Paul Cooksey or Paul Conlon at 202-224-5175 should you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,



Christopher S. Bond  
Chairman

cc:

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