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COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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November 6, 2003

The Honorable Hector V. Barreto
Administrator
U.S. Small Business Administration
409 Third Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20416

Dear Mr. Administrator,

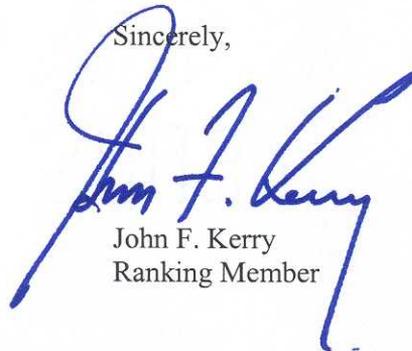
I am writing to nominate Shelley I. Hoon, President of Hoon Companies Inc. in Boston, Massachusetts, to serve on the board of the National Women's Business Council.

Shelley is a leading entrepreneur in Boston's housing renovation market. Her vision and leadership transformed Hoon Companies from a firm with two full-time employees just 10 years ago into a multi-million dollar enterprise. She and her business have received numerous awards, including the Black & White Boston Business Profile Award, the American Planning Association Student Achievement Award, and the Anti-Defamation League's Torch of Liberty Award. Shelley is a member of several professional organizations -- such as the New England Women in Real Estate, the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, and the Builder's Association of Greater Boston -- and serves the Boston business community on a number of non-profit boards. Maintaining her commitment to higher education, she is also on the Cambridge College Board of Trustees.

Shelley has a history of achievement. After immigrating from Jamaica to the U.S. at age 10, she focused on academic success, earning several scholarships for her hard work. Shelley applied her master's degree in Community and Regional Planning and her wide expertise in construction and interior design to her career in real estate. After gaining experience in the housing industry, Shelley opened her own company, again finding success in the business world.

Shelley's dedication, creativity, and leadership -- as demonstrated through her community, her business, and her industry -- would be invaluable to the Council and its mission. I ask that you give her every consideration. Please contact Marc Comer of my Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee staff at (202) 224-8496, if you have any questions or need further information to support her appointment.

Sincerely,



John F. Kerry
Ranking Member

cc: Marilyn Carlson Nelson
Chairperson, NWBC