



September 1, 2010

The Honorable Suzanne Kosmas
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Kosmas:

The National Small Business Association is pleased to support the *Early-Stage Business Investment and Incubation Act (H.R.5411)*. Reaching 150,000 small businesses across the nation, NSBA is the country's oldest small-business advocacy organization.

NSBA welcomes the bill's establishment of an early-stage business investment and incubation grant program within the U.S. Department of Commerce, as successful business incubators can play a vital role in the creation and growth of a fledgling small business.

NSBA also supports the bill's establishment of a system for monitoring and evaluating incubators that receive grants through the program. It is critical that grant programs such as this contain effective safeguards.

NSBA is pleased to support the *Early-Stage Business Investment and Incubation Act*, and thanks you for your leadership on the issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd McCracken", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Todd O. McCracken
President