

Congress of the United States
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Small Business
2361 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6315

May 6, 2009

The Honorable Robert A. Brady
Chairman
Committee on House Administration
1309 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Brady:

In accordance with the regulations of the Committee on House Administration, I am submitting three copies of the monthly report for February 2009, including:

1. Summary of the progress of the specific investigations and studies for which funds were approved.
2. Fund Balance statements for the month and year to date.
3. Statement of Expenses for the month and year to date.
4. Franking Balance for the month and year to date.
5. Report of travel performed.
6. List of committee employees, job titles and gross monthly salaries.

The report is available to Members of the Committee for examination.

Sincerely,



Nydia M. Velázquez
Chairwoman

COMMITTEE
HOUSE ADMINISTRATION
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**ACTIVITIES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS
111TH CONGRESS, 1st Session**

FEBRUARY 2009 FULL COMMITTEE HEARINGS & MARK-UPS

02-04-09: "HEALTH CARE REFORM IN A STRUGGLING ECONOMY: WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON FOR SMALL BUSINESS?"

The hearing examined the challenge of offering health insurance coverage for small businesses. The committee highlighted the importance of health care reform as part of an economic recovery. Particular attention was given to the leading health reform proposals under consideration by Congress, and the opportunities health reform may offer small firms and their workers.

02-11-09: "THE STATE OF SBA'S ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND THEIR ROLE IN PROMOTING AN ECONOMIC RECOVERY"

This hearing evaluated the overall effectiveness of the agency's business management and training services and the capacity of these initiatives to spur growth in the nation's economy. The hearing highlighted issues with these programs that may be resolved through agency reauthorization legislation to be proposed this year. Witnesses included entrepreneurial development program administrators, business management consultants, and small business representatives, whom testified on measures to improve the agency's services in light of current economic conditions.

02-25-09: "DROP IN RETIREMENT SAVINGS: THE CHALLENGES SMALL BUSINESSES FACE FUNDING AND MAINTAINING RETIREMENT PLANS IN A STRUGGLING ECONOMY."

The committee met to discuss the recent economic downturn and the impact it has had on small business owners' ability to offer and maintain retirement accounts for themselves and their employees. The hearing also assessed how the economic downturn has affected small business pension plans, coverage rates, and created concerns for the financial viability of small firms. The committee heard testimony from retirement specialists, plan providers, and small business owners. All of the witnesses explained how the recession has impacted their particular industry and what change could be made to ensure small business retirement coverage is maintained in this down economy and in the future.

FEBRUARY 2009 SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS

02-11-09: "THE IMPACT OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING ON SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT COMMUNITY"

The Subcommittee on Rural Development, Entrepreneurship and Trade held a hearing to examine the competitive bidding program's structure, its operational problems, and its impact on small durable medical equipment suppliers.

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**Fund Balance Statement by Paid Date
February**

Total Authorization**SBCD 111-1****\$2,365,892.67**

Less Expenses for:

January 2009

\$161,249.50

February

\$155,402.26**Total Expenses to Date:****\$316,651.76****Unexpended authorization**

\$2,049,240.91

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Monthly Statement by Paid Date
SBCD 111-1 February

Description	February	YTD Including	Cumulative Total
		February	
Non-Statutory Compensation	\$147,509.72	\$307,561.49	\$307,561.49
Accrued Leave	\$1,044.44	\$1,044.44	\$1,044.44
Bonus	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
11-Personnel Compensation subtotal	\$150,354.16	\$310,405.93	\$310,405.93
Transit Benefits	\$317.63	\$428.01	\$428.01
12-Benefits to Current Employees subtotal	\$317.63	\$428.01	\$428.01
Meals	\$60.44	\$60.44	\$60.44
Taxi/Parking/Tolls	\$71.65	\$71.65	\$71.65
21-Travel subtotal	\$132.09	\$132.09	\$132.09
DC Telecommunication Equipment (TRANSFER)	\$441.34	\$441.34	\$441.34
DC Telecommunication Service (TRANSFER)	\$235.00	\$235.00	\$235.00
Franked Mail	\$2.17	\$2.17	\$2.17
23-Rent, Communications and Utilities subtotal	\$678.51	\$678.51	\$678.51
Printing & Reproduction	\$167.50	\$167.50	\$167.50
24-Printing and Reproduction subtotal	\$167.50	\$167.50	\$167.50
Technology Service Contracts	\$2,550.00	\$2,550.00	\$2,550.00
25-Other Services subtotal	\$2,550.00	\$2,550.00	\$2,550.00
Office Supplies (Outside)	\$251.34	\$251.34	\$251.34
Office Supply (TRANSFER)	\$381.03	\$898.38	\$898.38
26-Supplies and Materials subtotal	\$632.37	\$1,149.72	\$1,149.72
Equipment & Software Maintenance	\$570.00	\$1,140.00	\$1,140.00
31-Equipment subtotal	\$570.00	\$1,140.00	\$1,140.00
Total Expenses	\$155,402.26	\$316,651.76	\$316,651.76

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Fund Balance Statement by Paid Date
February

Total Authorization

SBRC111-1	\$1,182,946.33
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Less Expenses for:

January	2009	\$54,508.98
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February		\$84,707.91
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Total Expenses to Date:	\$139,216.89
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Unexpended authorization	\$1,043,729.44
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**Monthly Statement by Paid Date
SBRC111-1 February**

Description	YTD Including		Cumulative Total
	February	February	
Non-Statutory Compensation	\$79,972.62	\$134,085.42	\$201,960.42
11-Personnel Compensation subtotal	\$79,972.62	\$134,085.42	\$201,960.42
Transit Benefits	\$265.00	\$265.00	\$382.17
12-Benefits to Current Employees subtotal	\$265.00	\$265.00	\$382.17
Taxi/Parking/Tolls	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
21-Travel subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Telecommunications Service and Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29.99
DC Telecommunication Equipment (TRANSFER)	\$220.66	\$220.66	\$269.99
DC Telecommunication Service (TRANSFER)	\$117.50	\$117.50	\$235.00
DC Telecommunication Tolls (TRANSFER)	\$1,007.58	\$1,007.58	\$2,183.72
23-Rent, Communications and Utilities subtotal	\$1,345.74	\$1,345.74	\$2,718.70
Printing & Reproduction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65.00
24-Printing and Reproduction subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65.00
Technology Service Contracts	\$2,549.18	\$2,549.18	\$3,823.77
25-Other Services subtotal	\$2,549.18	\$2,549.18	\$3,823.77
Bottled Water	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$46.25
Office Supplies (Outside)	\$125.66	\$125.66	\$546.66
Office Supply (TRANSFER)	\$77.55	\$101.57	\$247.74
26-Supplies and Materials subtotal	\$203.21	\$227.23	\$840.65
Equipment & Software Maintenance	\$372.16	\$744.32	\$1,054.54
31-Equipment subtotal	\$372.16	\$744.32	\$1,054.54
Total Expenses	\$84,707.91	\$139,216.89	\$210,865.25

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Franked Mail Allocation	\$5,000.00
January	\$2.17
February	\$204.96
March	\$0.00
April	\$0.00
May	\$0.00
June	\$0.00
July	\$0.00
August	\$0.00
September	\$0.00
October	\$0.00
November	\$0.00
December	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENDED	\$207.13
Unexpended Allocation	\$4,792.87

**Travel Performed Report
Committee on Small Business
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February 2009**

Dates of Travel		Reimbursement Claimed						
Traveler	From	To	Purpose	Itinerary	Transportation	Meals, Lodging, & Incidentals	Other	Total
Naveen Parmar	1/15/2009	1/18/2009	Committee Business	DC-NY	\$71.65	\$ 60.44		\$132.09

**Committee on Small Business
List of Employees
February 2009**

Employee	Job Title	Monthly Gross
Ahmed, Zamir	Intern	\$ 1,200.00
Bermúdez, Xinia G.	Staff Assistant	\$ 2,916.67
Betz, Kimberly S.	Counsel	\$ 9,375.00
Christian, Lisa	Professional Staff	\$ 4,166.67
Danner, Laura Elizabeth	Staff Assistant	\$ 2,375.00
Dawson, Thomas J.	Health Care Counsel	\$ 9,583.33
Day, Michael F.	Staff Director	\$ 7,187.50
Elhassani, Layth S.	Legislative Director	\$ 3,916.66
Elkins, Sarah Waites	Speech Writer	\$ 5,000.00
Fitzpatrick, Kevin W.	Minority Staff Director	\$ 6,820.83
Fox, Kathryn B.	Press Secretary	\$ 5,250.00
García, Moraima	Office Manager	\$ 4,583.33
Gutiérrez-Meléndez, Darienne	Special Assistant	\$ 4,166.67
Haas, Karen Lehman	Staff Director	\$ 15,125.00
Hartz, Joseph E.	Professional Staff	\$ 6,666.67
Haurek, Alex	Communications Director	\$ 8,750.00
Jiminez, Martin A.	Banking Counsel	\$ 11,250.00
Landers, Angela S.	Communications Director	\$ 8,750.00
Lieberman, Erik	Regulatory Counsel	\$ 8,750.00
Maguire, William P.	Counsel - Technology	\$ 10,000.00
Minehardt, Adam H.	Deputy Staff Director	\$ 10,833.33
Neasham Jr., Jon D.	Press Secretary	\$ 5,416.67
Oliver, Janet L.	Counsel	\$ 10,000.00
Orban, Russell	General Counsel	\$ 9,583.33
Palmer, Mark M.	Agriculture Counsel	\$ 10,833.33
Parmar, Naveen	Tax Counsel	\$ 9,166.67
Pineles, Barry	Regulatory Counsel	\$ 12,083.33
Ribas, Gail Elizabeth	Press Secretary	\$ 6,666.67
Robertson, Kyle Stephen	Professional Staff	\$ 6,250.00
Slattey, Timothy J.	Chief Counsel	\$ 11,666.67
Smith, Buffy Renee	Scheduler	\$ 2,583.33
Smullen, Mike	Minority Deputy Staff Dir.	\$ 11,041.67
Witenstein, Nicole Erin	Trade Counsel	\$ 7,083.33