

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 20, 2020

The Honorable Mike Quigley  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Financial Services  
Committee on Appropriations  
2000 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Graves  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Financial Services  
Committee on Appropriations  
1016 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Quigley and Ranking Member Graves:

We urge the Committee to include \$150 million for the Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) program within the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill.

SBDCs are a nationwide network of business advisors, trainers, and support staff operating from community and technical colleges, and selected economic development agencies. The SBDCs in our districts are highly effective at helping local small businesses and entrepreneurs succeed and drive economic growth and job creation.

The nearly 1,000 SBDCs nationwide are an important economic development engine. Last year SBDCs helped create over 16,500 new business and 95,000 new jobs. SBDCs helped generate \$7 billion in new sales last year and the return on federal investment was \$2.16 to \$1.

Therefore, we urge the Committee to include \$150 million for the SBDC program within the FY 2021 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill, consistent with the House-passed level in FY 2020. This appropriation will be matched more than one-to-one by state, local and private funds, increasing the availability and breadth of services provided to entrepreneurs, like navigating international trade and enhancing cybersecurity. This increased appropriation will also enable SBDCs to serve more businesses and entrepreneurs, enabling more business starts and spurring job creation.

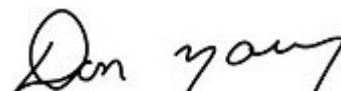
Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to working with you throughout the FY 21 Appropriations process.

Sincerely,



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Rick Larsen  
Member of Congress



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Don Young  
Member of Congress

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