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Administrator Kelly Loeffler Small Business Administration 409 3rd Street SW Washington, D.C. 20416

Dear Administrator Loeffler:

Small businesses are the backbone of our nation's economy and a vital catalyst for Idaho's prosperity. As you implement policies that prioritize American entrepreneurs, we respectfully encourage you to relocate the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Pacific Northwest regional office from Seattle, Wash., to Idaho. This move would not only support President Trump's commitment to putting American citizens first but also fulfill your March 6th announcement to remove SBA regional offices from sanctuary cities.

Idaho is uniquely positioned to further the SBA's mission and operations. Consistently ranked among the best states for small business growth and economic performance, Idaho exemplifies the success of cutting red tape and supporting entrepreneurs. With small businesses constituting over 99 percent of Gem State businesses and employing more than half our workforce, Idaho's entrepreneurs and leaders are ideal partners in advancing the SBA's core mission.

Furthermore, unlike other states served by the Seattle Office, Idaho has demonstrated a strong commitment to putting American citizens first. Our state has enacted a statewide ban on sanctuary cities, and the Idaho Congressional Delegation has repeatedly worked to prevent illegal immigrants and sanctuary cities from abusing federal funding. By relocating the regional office to Idaho, the SBA would ensure its services align with President Trump's priorities, directly benefitting law-abiding business owners.

This relocation would also significantly increase accessibility and affordability for small businesses across the Pacific Northwest. Idaho's lower operating and living costs would also translate to substantial long-term savings for the SBA and meet the public's expectations for the responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

We are confident Idaho can provide the necessary resources and support to ensure a smooth transition and maintain continued excellence in service for businesses in the Pacific Northwest. Thank you for your consideration and partnership in strengthening America's small business community.

Sincerely,

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