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Mr. Christopher L. LaPorte
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Small Business and Community Lending Initiative

Dear Mr. LaPorte:

I wanted to thank you for your participation in Treasury's Small Business and Community Lending Initiative. As you know, small businesses are finding it difficult to obtain credit in the current economic environment. This initiative is an important aspect of the Administration's economic recovery plan. Given the important role your institution plays in the market for small business lending, your participation in the initiative will be very helpful and is appreciated by this Office.

We look forward to working with you on the initiative as it moves forward.

Sincerely,