



April 21, 2021

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
Senate Appropriations Committee
506 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Shaheen,

On behalf of the HUBZone Contractors National Council, I am writing to urge your support for increased funding to implement reforms to the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Historically Underutilized Business Zone Program (HUBZone) as you consider FY2022 appropriations. The HUBZone Program is the only small business contracting program focused on economic development in underutilized communities.

The HUBZone Council is a non-profit trade association providing information and support for companies and professionals interested in the HUBZone Program. By helping HUBZone-certified companies maximize their success in earning federal contracts, the Council strives to promote economic development in underutilized rural and urban communities.

The FY2018 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) included provisions that brought much needed reform the HUBZone Program, and the SBA implemented its regulation finalizing the changes contained in the law in 2019. Despite these extensive changes to the Program, the funding has remained static for the HUBZone program at SBA.

In order to adequately implement these changes, the HUBZone Council is requesting \$5 million for the HUBZone Program. This funding will enable the SBA to continue to implement the new regulations, improve operations and enhance eligible firm participation. Additionally, it will begin to build capacity for increased eligibility reviews triggered by the Census.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact Elizabeth Sullivan at (202) 626-8528 or at esullivan@madisonservicesgroup.com.

Sincerely,

Shirley Bailey
Chair