

December 8, 2015

The Honorable David Vitter
Chair
Committee on Small Business &
Entrepreneurship
516 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington D.C., 20510

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
Ranking Member
Committee on Small Business &
Entrepreneurship
506 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington D.C., 20510

Dear Chair Vitter and Ranking Member Shaheen:

On behalf of the undersigned small business organizations and our members nationwide, we write in support of Darryl L. DePriest's nomination to serve as Chief Counsel for the Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy (Advocacy).

Mr. DePriest's extensive legal and regulatory experience will serve him well as Chief Counsel for Advocacy. We are confident that Mr. DePriest will be an advocate for small business owners and entrepreneurs.

The Office of Advocacy plays a critical role, conducting research on the small business sector, advocating for small businesses within the federal government's agencies and rulemaking processes, and fostering public awareness of small business contributions and concerns.

We proudly support Mr. DePriest's nomination and we look forward to working with Mr. DePriest to solve the challenges faced by America's small businesses.

Sincerely,

Association for Enterprise Opportunity
Association of Women's Business Centers
California Association for Micro Enterprise Opportunity
HUBZone Contractors National Council
National Association for the Self-Employed
Small Business Majority
Women Impacting Public Policy