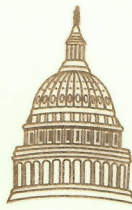


MARK R. WARNER  
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UNITED STATES SENATOR  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

April 28, 2016

Dear Friends,

As Honorary Host, I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to all who are gathered for the 2016 Access to Capital Multicultural Business Conference. Having spent the first twenty years of my career in business, I appreciate the value of this event.

This conference bolsters the Commonwealth's economy by supporting small, women, veteran, and minority-owned businesses. Attendees will connect with bankers, commercial and crowdfunding lenders, financial service providers, investors, and government agencies to explore comprehensive financial resources. You will be able to expand your business knowledge, learn about reaching your financial goals, and network with potential corporate and government partners. The collaboration with local, state, and federal governments and private sector organizations emphasizes the importance of sector partnerships and how that plays into the development of meaningful business relationships and a stronger economy. I commend today's attendees for taking this opportunity to obtain the resources you need to start or expand your business and strengthen your community.

I hope that you will find this event useful for your future business opportunities and wish you much success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark R. Warner".

MARK R. WARNER  
United States Senator