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The Honorable James Risch Chairman, U.S. Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen Ranking Member, U.S. Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Risch and Shaheen:

On behalf of the Federal Allies Institute (FAI), and our 2,000 small business participants from across the United States for over nine years, I am writing to you to express full support for the nomination of Linda E. McMahon to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

We believe Linda E. McMahon has the expertise and determination to lead the agency to mentor small businesses, to alleviate unreasonable regulations, and to rebuild the SBA Office of Advocacy, to restore the Office of Advocacy's independent role as an advocate on behalf of small businesses to other agencies and to weigh in on their rule making. And to streamline and modernize federal contracting tools and to better communicate the government-wide mentor protégé program.

Federal Allies Institute is a small business trade association formed at the request of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Directorate of Procurement to assist them and many other federal agencies and military and small business entrepreneurs with federal contracting and acquisition best practices and Ethics.

Very truly yours,

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