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The Honorable Timothy F. Geithner
Secretary of the Treasury
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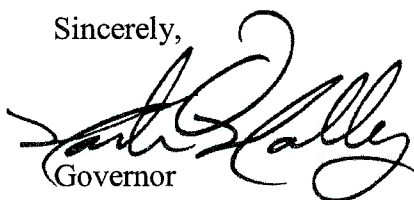
Dear Secretary Geithner:

As the President works to re-start the flow of credit to small and family-owned businesses on Main Street, I want to strongly encourage you to utilize the currently under-capitalized Small Business Loan Guarantee programs that most states already have up and running across our country.

In our experience in Maryland, every dollar of State guarantee leverages five more dollars of private lending, even in these challenging times. We know our banks, we know our businesses, we know our communities, and this would not be a new program for most states.

Use us.

Sincerely,


Governor