

September 12, 2013

The Honorable Darrell E. Issa
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of July 11, 2013, on the Committee's oversight of the use of non-primary and so-called "alias" email accounts by federal employees for official business. Acting Administrator Hulit has asked me to respond to the letter on her behalf.

At the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), we have not established "alias" email accounts. For certain high-ranking SBA officials we do maintain two email addresses for different purposes, but the account names for both accounts correspond to some variation of the SBA official's name (*e.g.*, former Administrator Karen Mills' two accounts were Karen.Mills@sba.gov and KMills@sba.gov).

For purposes of storing, cataloging, and archiving records, all SBA email accounts are treated identically. Thus, when information is requested from Congress or through the Freedom of Information Act for an SBA official with two accounts, all relevant information is disclosed under the name of the pertinent Agency official.

The SBA has a strong respect for the Federal Records Act and takes record preservation and transparency seriously. If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (202) 205-6700.

Sincerely,

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