



**U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20416**

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The Honorable Sam Graves  
Chairman  
Committee on Small Business  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Administrator Mills has asked me to respond to your recent inquiry concerning the effective date for new Qualified Census Tract (QCT) designations for the HUBZone Program.

I would first like to commend you for your leadership on this issue and your efforts to ensure that newly qualified QCTs are eligible as HUBZones for the program as quickly as possible. After a thorough review of the issue, we agree that for HUBZone Program purposes, these areas have been designated as QCTs and therefore qualified HUBZones. We are working to update our maps to reflect these new areas. As soon as this is complete, we will notify you and your staff.

We appreciate your continued support of the SBA and the nation's small business community. If you and your staff have any questions, please contact the SBA Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs at (202) 205-6700.

Sincerely,

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