



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

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The Honorable Dutch Ruppertsberger
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
375 West Padonia Road, Suite 200
Timonium, Maryland 21093

Dear Representative Ruppertsberger:

Thank you for your recent inquiry concerning the effective date for new Qualified Census Tract (QCT) designations for the HUBZone Program.

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 Maryland 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,

Mariana Pardo
Director
HUBZone Program