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The Honorable Roger Williams Chairman, House Small Business Committee 2361 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Williams,

On behalf of the Association for Enterprise Opportunity (AEO), I extend my congratulations on your reappointment as Chair of the House Small Business Committee. Your continued leadership and commitment to advancing policies that empower entrepreneurs and small business owners are critical to fostering economic growth and opportunity across the nation.

As the leading voice of small business and entrepreneurship in the United States, AEO's mission is to create economic opportunities for underserved entrepreneurs by advancing innovative solutions, robust policies, and transformative partnerships. We work tirelessly to ensure that small businesses, particularly those in rural and urban communities, have access to the tools and resources necessary to thrive in an ever-changing economy.

Your extensive experience as a business owner and entrepreneur provides a unique perspective on the challenges and opportunities facing small business communities. We deeply value your dedication to fostering equitable access to capital, technical assistance, and support for entrepreneurs of all backgrounds.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration with you and the Committee to champion innovative policies and programs that align with AEO's mission and support the resilience and success of small businesses. Together, we can strengthen pathways to opportunity and ensure that all entrepreneurs contribute to our shared economic prosperity.

Thank you for your steadfast service and leadership.

Sincerely,

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