# Congress of the United States

H.S. House of Representatives AMII: 03
Committee on Small Business
2361 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6515

May 8, 2012

The Honorable Daniel E. Lungren Chairman Committee on House Administration 1309 Longworth HOB Washington, DC 20515

#### Dear Chairman Lungren:

In accordance with the regulations of the Committee on House Administration, I am submitting three copies of the monthly report for February 2012, including:

- 1. Summary of the progress of the specific investigations and studies for which funds were approved.
- 2. Fund Balance statements for the month and year to date.
- 3. Statement of Expenses for the month and year to date.
- 4. Franking Balance for the month and year to date.
- 5. Report of travel performed.
- 6. List of Committee employees, job titles and gross monthly salaries.

The report is available to Members of the Committee for examination.

Sincerely,

Sam Graves

Chairman

### U.S. House of Representatives Small Business Committee Majority SM000

## Fund Balance Statement by Paid Date

#### February

Total Aut	horization	\$2,255,690.67
Less Expen	ses for:	
January	2012	\$144,663.84
February		\$164,801.89

**Total Expenses to Date:** 

\$309,465.73

## U.S. House of Representatives Small Business Committee Majority SM000

# Monthly Statement by Paid Date 112-2 February

		YTD Including	
Description	February	February	<b>Cumulative Total</b>
Non-Statutory Compensation	\$160,478.69	\$302,105.20	\$302,105.20
11-Personnel Compensation subtotal	\$160,478.69	\$302,105.20	\$302,105.20
DC Telecommunication Equipment (TRANSFER)	\$341.34	\$341.34	\$341.34
DC Telecommunication Service (TRANSFER)	\$280.17	\$280.17	\$280.17
DC Telecommunication Tolls (TRANSFER)	\$1,252.66	\$1,252.66	\$1,252.66
Postage/Courier/Box rental	\$16.54	\$16.54	\$16.54
23-Rent, Communications and Utilities subtotal	\$1,890.71	\$1,890.71	\$1,890.71
Printing & Reproduction	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
24-Printing and Reproduction subtotal	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
Technology Service Contracts	\$2,652.23	\$2,652.23	\$2,652.23
25-Other Services subtotal	\$2,652.23	\$2,652.23	\$2,652.23
Bottled Water	\$-1,008.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Framing (TRANSFER)	\$-660.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office Supplies (Outside)	\$250.97	\$250.97	\$250.97
Office Supply (TRANSFER)	\$75.76	\$167.72	\$167.72
26-Supplies and Materials subtotal	\$-1,341.27	\$418.69	\$418.69
Equipment & Software Maintenance	\$1,121.53	\$2,318.90	\$2,318.90
31-Equipment subtotal	\$1,121.53	\$2,318.90	\$2,318.90
Total Expenses	\$164,801.89	\$309,465.73	\$309,465.73

## **Fund Balance Statement by Paid Date**

### February

Total Aut 112-2	horization	\$1,127,845.33
Less Expen	ses for:	
January	2012	\$63,924.60
February		\$71,491.23

**Total Expenses to Date:** 

\$135,415.83

Unexpended authorization

\$992,429.50

## Monthly Statement by Paid Date 112-2 February

		YTD Including	
Description	February	February	<b>Cumulative Total</b>
Non-Statutory Compensation	\$68,062.49	\$131,587.51	\$131,587.51
11-Personnel Compensation subtotal	\$68,062.49	\$131,587.51	\$131,587.51
DC Telecommunication Equipment (TRANSFER)	\$170.66	\$170.66	\$170.66
DC Telecommunication Service (TRANSFER)	\$140.08	\$140.08	\$140.08
23-Rent, Communications and Utilities subtotal	\$310.74	\$310.74	\$310.74
Technology Service Contracts	\$2,652.20	\$2,652.20	\$2,652.20
25-Other Services subtotal	\$2,652.20	\$2,652.20	\$2,652.20
Bottled Water	\$66.25	\$66.25	\$66.25
26-Supplies and Materials subtotal	\$66.25	\$66.25	\$66.25
Equipment & Software Maintenance	\$399.55	\$799.13	\$799.13
31-Equipment subtotal	\$399.55	\$799.13	\$799.13
Total Expenses	\$71,491.23	\$135,415.83	\$135,415.83

### Fund Balance Statement by Paid Date

### February

Total Aut	horization	\$1,127,845.33
Less Expen	ses for:	
January	2012	\$63,924.60
February		\$71,491.26

**Total Expenses to Date:** 

\$135,415.86

Unexpended authorization

\$992,429.47

# Monthly Statement by Paid Date 112-2 February

		YTD Including	
Description	February	February	<b>Cumulative Total</b>
Non-Statutory Compensation	\$68,062.49	\$131,587.51	\$131,587.51
11-Personnel Compensation subtotal	\$68,062.49	\$131,587.51	\$131,587.51
DC Telecommunication Equipment (TRANSFER)	\$170.66	\$170.66	\$170.66
DC Telecommunication Service (TRANSFER)	\$140.08	\$140.08	\$140.08
23-Rent, Communications and Utilities subtotal	\$310.74	\$310.74	\$310.74
Technology Service Contracts	\$2,652.20	\$2,652.20	\$2,652.20
25-Other Services subtotal	\$2,652.20	\$2,652.20	\$2,652.20
Bottled Water	\$66.25	\$66.25	\$66.25
26-Supplies and Materials subtotal	\$66.25	\$66.25	\$66.25
Equipment & Software Maintenance	\$399.58	\$799.16	\$799.16
31-Equipment subtotal	\$399.58	\$799.16	\$799.16
Total Expenses	\$71,491.26	\$135,415.86	\$135,415.86

#### ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS 112<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS, 2<sup>nd</sup> SESSION

#### FEBRUARY 2012 COMMITTEE HEARINGS

<u>February 1, 2012</u>: "The Path to Job Creation: The State of American Small Businesses." The purpose of the hearing was to examine obstacles to small business job creation and economic growth. On October 24, 2011, Gallup released a poll outlining the most significant concerns facing America's small businesses. This poll mirrors numerous trade association, think tank, and national media polls that point to excessive government regulation, lack of available capital, and low consumer confidence as the biggest hurdles small business must overcome. The hearing aimed to inform committee members of the most pressing obstacles facing small businesses in an effort to narrow our focus to the most pertinent obstacles and to tackle the most egregious impediments to job creation and economic growth.

<u>February 8, 2012</u>: "Placing Federal Tax Dollars at Risk: How the Small Business Administration Mismanages the Modernization of its Information Technology." The Committee examined the Small Business Administration's efforts to modernize the computer systems used to manage its loan portfolios. The systems, originally developed in the 1970s, are outdated and multiple administrators determined that they need to be updated. Given the problems plaguing the systems, the Chairman requested the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to review the modernization efforts. This hearing reviewed the GAO audit and heard what steps, if any, the Administrator will take to improve the modernization of its loan management accounting systems.

Markups

No markups were held during this time.

#### FEBRUARY 2012 SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS

#### Subcommittee on Agriculture Energy and Trade

<u>February 2, 2012</u>: "The Future of the Family Farm: The Effect of Proposed DOL Regulations on Small Business Producers." On September 2, 2011, the U.S. Department of Labor issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that would make revisions to existing regulations pertaining to the employment of youth on farming and ranching operations. The hearing examined these rules so that members may better understand their potential effect on small business farm operations as well as youth working in or training for occupations in agriculture.

#### Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce

<u>February 9, 2012</u>: "Construction Contracting: Barriers to Small Business Participation." The hearing specifically addressed the following areas that often limit small businesses' ability to effectively compete for federal government construction projects: 1) the exclusion of

construction from the contract bundling definition; 2) the problems with the sealed bid selection method when awarding construction contracts; 3) the manner in which SBA calculates the prime contractors credit for subcontracting goals; 4) prompt payment of prime and subcontractors on construction contracts; 5) the government's practice of withholding contract payment on some construction contracts (known as retention); 6) the effectiveness of SBA's surety bond program; and 7) the desirability of a locality preference for construction contracts.

Subcommittee on Healthcare and Technology

<u>February 15, 2012</u>: "Broadband: A Catalyst for Small Business Growth." The purpose of the hearing was to examine the growth and importance of broadband to small businesses, including the role of the federal government in providing access to rural America.

Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access

February 16, 2012: "Examining the Role of Government Assistance for Disaster Victims: A Review of H.R. 3042." The hearing provided members of the Subcommittee with information on the role of the federal government in long-term disaster recovery. Members learned about the programs offered by both the state and federal government. A business owner provided his perspective on what it takes to recover from a disaster, as well as his experience attempting to get financial assistance from the SBA. There was also an expert testimony about potential consequences of legislation (H.R. 3042) that proposes changes to federal disaster loans.

Reimbursement for Travel Committee on Small Business 112th Congress February 2012

	Dates of Travel	vel			Reimbursement Claimed	t Claimed		
						Meals, Lodging, &		
Traveler	From	To	Purpose	Itinerary	Transportation Incidentals	Incidentals	Other Total	Total
No reimbursement for travel was claimed during t	for travel was	claimed durin	g this time.					

#### 112<sup>th</sup> Congress, 2nd Session Committee on Small Business Franked Mail

Allocation:	\$5000
January:	\$16.54
February:	\$ 6.07
March:	
April:	
May:	
June:	
July:	
August:	
September:	
October:	
November:	
December:	
Total Expended:	\$22.61

#### 112th Congress 2nd Session Committee on Small Business Employee List February 2012

<u>Employee</u>	Job Title	Gross Pay
Day, Michael	Staff Director	\$ 7,187.50
Garcia, Moraima	Office Manager	\$ 5,375.00
Brown, Thomas	Chief of Staff	\$ 7,500.00
Christian, Lisa	<b>Professional Staff</b>	\$ 5,750.00
Dungan, Hilary	Staff Assistant	\$ 833.33
Guggenheim, Andrew	<b>Professional Staff</b>	\$ 7,916.67
Hartz, Joseph E	<b>Professional Staff</b>	\$ 7,916.67
Haurek, Alex	<b>Communications Director</b>	\$ 9,583.33
Jiminez, Martin	<b>Banking Counsel</b>	\$ 12,166.67
Johnson, Melissa R	Tax Counsel	\$ 7,083.33
Jordan, Darrell H	Communications Director	\$ 8,750.00
Karellas, Andreas P	<b>Professional Staff</b>	\$ 8,333.33
Knox, Wendy	Press Secretary	\$ 5,583.33
Leieritz, Jeffrey D	Clerk	\$ 2,916.67
Matousek, Michael	<b>Professional Staff</b>	\$ 3,333.33
Minehardt, Adam	<b>Deputy Staff Director</b>	\$ 12,500.00
Moran, Marianne	Intern	\$ 1,750.00
Northcutt, Eminence	<b>Procurement Counsel</b>	\$ 7,083.33
Murphy, Emily	Senior Counsel	\$ 11,666.67
Oliver, Janet L	<b>Deputy Chief Counsel</b>	\$ 11,666.67
Pelletier, Justin M	<b>Banking Counsel</b>	\$ 7,083.33
Pineles, Barry	Chief Counsel	\$ 13,000.00
Ratto, Mark Peter	<b>Professional Staff</b>	\$ 7,500.00
Salley, Lori Ann	Staff Director	\$ 14,034.25
Sass, Paul J	<b>Deputy Chief of Staff</b>	\$ 12,500.00
Shupe, Brooke A	<b>Professional Staff</b>	\$ 4,083.33
Smith, Buffy Renee	Scheduler	\$ 4,583.33
Villasenor, Cielo	Press Assistant	\$ 3,333.33
Walker, Mindi	<b>Professional Staff</b>	\$ 7,500.00
Ziebarth, Viktoria	Counsel	\$ 10,027.78