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Mr. Sandy K. Baruah
Acting Administrator
U.S. Small Business Administration
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Dear Mr. Baruah:

On September 15, 2008, the Small Business Administration (SBA) submitted three draft proposed rules entitled, "Small Business Size Standards: Accommodations and Food Services Industries," "Small Business Size Standards: Retail Trade Industries," and "Small Business Size Standards: Other Services" to the Office of Management and Budget for review under Executive Order No.12866.

To facilitate the development of these and future size standards, you have proposed to undertake further analysis of the size standard methodology. We are very supportive of that effort, and agree that an in-depth analysis of the size standard methodology will help provide an important foundation as SBA pursues the review and update of all size standards. As we have discussed, to provide the time needed to conduct that analysis, we are returning these rules while you complete this effort

We appreciate this initiative you have proposed and the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs staff look forward to working with SBA staff as you develop the analysis, and also to reviewing a revised package. Should you have any questions, I would be happy to discuss these issues.

Sincerely,

Susan E. Dudley
Administrator
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