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Ms. Joanne Brooks
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Dear Ms. Brooks,

It was a pleasure to meet you at the United States Black Chamber's School of Business and Management Conference on Thursday, July 10, 2014.

As I travel across the country meeting with small business owners from different industries and regions, I am impressed with their ingenuity and determination and appreciative of our many partners who support them. At SBA, and across the Obama Administration, we are committed to making it as simple as possible for more aspiring entrepreneurs to start and grow companies and create jobs.

Thank you for your leadership throughout the business community. I wish you continued success!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria Contreras-Sweet".

Maria Contreras-Sweet