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(Note: Below is a copy of an email received on 10/3/06, from Senator Herb Kohl, U.S. Senator Candidate.)

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Ms. Jean Wiegand  
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Dear Ms. Wiegand:

Thank you for taking the time to contact me. I value the correspondence I get from people back home in Wisconsin, and I would like to take this opportunity to address your your questions regarding microbusinesses in Wisconsin.

America's small businesses play a critical role in creating opportunities and jobs, while strengthening the economy. Small Business Administration (SBA) programs recognize the importance of small businesses by providing federal funds and advocacy resources to aid in the development of small businesses. SBA programs assist viable small businesses in securing funds that would otherwise be unobtainable by conventional loan underwriting procedures.

One SBA program that I have consistently supported is the SBA Microloan Program. The SBA Microloan Program makes loans and provides technical assistance through non-profit lending intermediaries to small businesses and start-up entrepreneurs that conventional lenders are unable to serve. The program ensures that viable small businesses can access the capital and technical assistance they need to grow and thrive and eventually become bankable. In June 2005, I supported \$16.9 million in funding for FY2006 in the Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill. Please be assured that I will continue to support the SBA Microloan Program.

I have been a long-time supporter of small business programs and I understand the important role they play in providing entrepreneurs access to resources and technical assistance that would not otherwise be available to them. These activities create numerous jobs per year, generate significant revenues, and directly assist thousands of people starting and growing small businesses.

Again, thank you for contacting me. Please do not hesitate to contact me again in the future if I can be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

Herb Kohl  
U.S. Senator

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