



January 5, 2018

The Honorable James Risch
Chairman
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Risch and Ranking Member Shaheen:

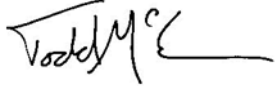
The National Small Business Association (NSBA), the nation's first nonpartisan small-business advocacy organization, would like to recommend the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship and the full Senate promptly move to fill the Chief Counsel of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Office of Advocacy (Advocacy) position with Mr. David Christian Tryon. Small businesses are disproportionately impacted by federal regulation and given this current regulatory climate, need a strong advocate as Chief Counsel.

NSBA has long been a supporter of the Office of Advocacy, an established beacon of fairness for America's small-business community, and it is critical that this office is fully staffed with a strong and capable leader at its helm. The Chief Counsel for Advocacy plays an invaluable role in guiding Advocacy's operations, which includes providing consistent reliable information about the status and role of small business in the U.S. economy and advocating for small businesses within the federal government's agencies and rulemaking processes. A champion in fostering public awareness of small business contributions and concerns, the impact of Advocacy is far-reaching and vital.

Therefore, it is in the best interest of America's small businesses to have a strong SBA Office of Advocacy and this can only be achieved with a Senate-confirmed agency head. Nominee David Tryon has impressed us with his understanding of the needs and unique burdens facing smaller businesses. We also believe he is committed to a strong and independent role for the Chief Counsel in addressing those needs and burdens, within the Administration. Accordingly, should he be confirmed by the Senate, NSBA looks forward to working with the nominee Mr. David Tryon to advocate for the long-term advancement of small businesses nation-wide.

On behalf of NSBA and our more than 65,000 small-business members, I urge your timely consideration of Mr. Tryon for Chief Counsel of the Office of Advocacy. We look forward to working in concert with you and your staff, and hope that Mr. Tryon's nomination will meet prompt approval by the full Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd McCracken". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "M" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Todd McCracken
President & CEO