

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 6, 2014

The Honorable Maria Contreras-Sweet
Administrator
Small Business Administration
409 Third Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20416

Dear Administrator Contreras-Sweet:

We are writing in strong support of the request by Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick that the Small Business Administration (SBA) provide disaster loans to the businesses affected by a tornado which hit Revere, Massachusetts on July 28, 2014.

While miraculously no one was seriously injured, dozens of families lost their homes and businesses, while others experienced extensive property damage. The total estimated damage is in the millions of dollars.

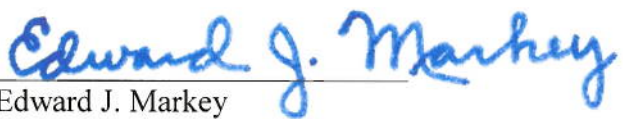
According to the Revere Fire Department, about 65 buildings were substantially damaged, 13 of which were left uninhabitable. Those include some businesses along Broadway Street.


The City of Revere business owners should not be left alone in shouldering the burden of rebuilding their lives and their community. They need access to SBA disaster loans to help them reopen and rebuild their businesses after this devastating tornado.

We appreciated the efforts made by Governor Patrick to certify this tragedy as a physical disaster for the purposes of authorizing federally-administered low interest disaster loans to the victims of the tornado. We encourage you to do everything in your power to provide low interest loans through SBA's disaster assistance program, and to do so as quickly as possible.

Thank you in advance for your prompt consideration of our request.

Sincerely,


Edward J. Markey
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U.S. Senator

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