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Christopher Hall
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Dear Mr. Hall:

I write to you in support for California Capital FDC's proposal to be granted designation as a Procurement Technical Assistance Program (PTAP), which will be located in Sacramento, California. California Capital's 31 year history and experience in delivering small business development capacity building programs that include technical assistance, counseling, financial education and access to capital financing programs is evidence of their ability to meet the needs of those businesses who are in need of the assistance necessary to become eligible and viable candidates in successfully seeking opportunities for federal, state and local government contracts. Designated as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) by the U.S. Department of Treasury, 51+% of California Capital's target market include disadvantaged small businesses entities throughout Northern California. For the purpose of the PTAP, California Capital's target market will include Sacramento, Yolo, El Dorado, Yuba, Sutter, Placer and San Joaquin counties, all designated as qualified distressed areas by the Defense Logistic Agency.

There has not been the presence of a PTAP in the Sacramento and Central Valley region since the closure of the Federal Technology Center. Given the data and research on the presence and needs of disadvantaged businesses in Northern California, there is a great need for a resurgence of a PTAP that would be well placed and widely used.

California Capital has strong working relationships with community based/nonprofit organizations, local, state and federal agencies, chambers of commerce, ethnic community leadership, and industry specific business associations, whose memberships and clients will benefit greatly from the presence of a PTAP located in Sacramento.

I firmly believe that, should the Defense Logistics Agency locate a PTAP in Sacramento, disadvantaged businesses throughout Northern California will have access to programs, services and lending products, for which businesses in the greater Sacramento region have expressed a need.

California Capital's goal of increasing access to capacity and capital in underserved, low-wealth communities parallels the Defense Logistics Agency's goal of providing training and technical assistance to disadvantaged entrepreneurs who desire to become viable and successful applicants for federal, state and local government contracts.

I support California Capital's proposal to become a Procurement Technical Assistance Program. Thank you for your full and fair consideration of the PTAP effort with applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Be Well,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ami Bera', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ami Bera, M.D.
Member of Congress