

August 28, 2012

The Honorable Nita M Lowey  
Member, U.S. House of Representatives  
222 Mamaroneck Avenue  
White Plains, New York 10605

Dear Representative Lowey:

Thank you for your recent inquiry on behalf of Mr. Julian Menken regarding his U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) loan to his business, Cruise Market Inc. (CMI).

According to SBA loan records, on March 17, 2006, SBA approved a request for a 50 percent guaranty of a \$38,000 loan to CMI from Citibank, N.A., an Agency participant lender. On December 14, 2009, SBA honored its guaranty on this loan. Subsequently, the loan remained delinquent and as mandated by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, on March 12, 2010, SBA referred the loan to the U.S. Department of Treasury (Treasury) for further collection efforts. Treasury has assumed collection responsibilities for this loan and SBA no longer services this loan.

Based on Mr. Menken's letter to your office, he is seeking forgiveness of this debt. The SBA has no statutory authority to forgive any portion of a loan. However, due to Mr. Menken's financial hardship, SBA has requested Treasury reduce the amount of the monthly offset associated with Mr. Menken's Social Security payment from \$250.05 to \$100. If Mr. Menken has additional questions regarding this matter, he may contact Ms. Carla Donaldson with the SBA Treasury Offset Division at (205) 290-7705.

We appreciate your support of the SBA and the New York small business community. If you and your staff have any further questions, please contact the SBA Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs at (202) 205-6700.

Sincerely,

John A. Miller  
Director  
Office of Financial Program Operations

cc: Carla Donaldson, SBA Treasury Offset Division