



January 18, 2019

House Small Business Committee Chair Nydia Velázquez
2069 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Velázquez:

The National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) was founded in 1975 in Washington, D.C. to serve as the first advocacy organization for all women business owners. Nearly forty-four years later we are proud to carry on the tradition of our founders and represent the more than 10 million women business owners in this country.

Women business owners are a diverse subset of our nation's business community and a significant contributor to our nation's economy. Within our NAWBO membership, more than ¼ of NAWBO members exceed more than \$1M in annual revenue. In addition, we are proud to represent solopreneurs, microbusiness owners, and women whose businesses occupy the SME space.

On behalf of our membership, I am writing to commend you and Ranking Member Chabot for reintroducing the Small Business Owners' Tax Simplification Act with the goal of simplifying and modernizing the U.S. tax code for small businesses, startups, and entrepreneurs. As you know, small business owners make tremendous contributions to our nation's economy. We applaud you for your work on this bipartisan legislation that will enable more small business owners to spend less time and resources learning to navigate the tax code and focus more on growing their businesses and our economy.

It is my pleasure to convey our organization's support for this legislation and our readiness to work with you moving forward.

Sincerely,

Molly Gimmel
NAWBO National Board Chair