



February 10, 2010

Senator Benjamin Nelson  
720 Hart Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Nelson:

I am writing to you in my capacity as Executive Director of the Dawson Area Development for Dawson County, Nebraska to express my support for the Nebraska Enterprise Fund's application for a federal appropriation. In my position, I see an ongoing need for more resources for businesses and NEF can help make that happen.

At the current time, our county is experiencing job layoffs from a major employer, leaving people unemployed. Many of these individuals would like to remain in the county and are looking at self-employment as a possible option. Depending on the individual's prior experiences, they may or may not be eligible for a bank loan. Dawson Area Development may be able to help in those situations, but would welcome additional partners, such as NEF and the banks, in loan packages to reduce the overall risk.

The Nebraska Enterprise Fund has a long, successful history of lending to micro programs in Nebraska and evaluating performance to insure that businesses benefit from services. As a CDFI, NEF has even greater capacity in the future to work directly with various loan sources to make loan capital available to businesses across our state. A federal appropriation at this time could help make this possible.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jennifer Wolf'.

Jennifer Wolf  
Executive Director