

February 10, 2010

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

Dear Senator Nelson:

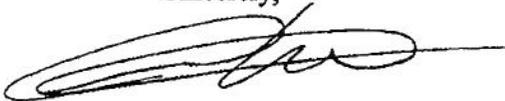
As the Director of the Entrepreneurship Center at Southeast Community College, I visit with many businesses that are in need of training, technical assistance and loans. For that reason, I am writing this letter to express my support for a federal appropriation for Nebraska Enterprise Fund's expansion of loan programs for small businesses.

Federal funds would make it possible for NEF to link with Southeast to provide capital for students needing start-up and expansion capital for businesses. This work would provide the necessary flexibility to assist businesses along the continuum of growth.

In addition, NEF staff actively participates in the statewide Nebraska Entrepreneurship Task Force (NET-Force). This group identifies and leverages educational resources to Educate, Engage and Empower current and potential Entrepreneurs. As Chairman of NET-Force I witness first hand a collaborative group that insures resources in the state are maximized while avoiding duplication.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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