

Congress of the United States
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Small Business
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VIA E-MAIL

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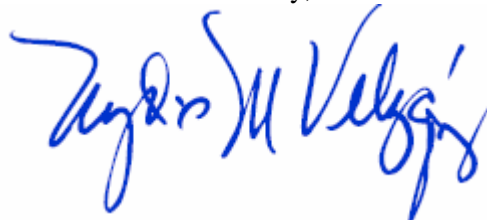
Dear Dr. Lahm:

I am writing to invite you to testify at a hearing of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Small Business on the role that credit card lending plays in financing small businesses. **The hearing will take place on Thursday, April 3, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., in room 1539 of the Longworth House Office Building.** The Committee looks forward to hearing your comments regarding the role that credit cards play in providing financing to small businesses, as well as any recommendations to improve credit card lending for entrepreneurs.

Your entire written statement will be entered into the record; please be prepared to summarize the written testimony in a five-minute oral presentation. The Rules of the Committee on Small Business require that you submit your testimony at least 2 days prior to the date of the hearing, as well as a copy of your curriculum vitae (or other statement describing their education, employment, professional affiliations and other background information pertinent to the testimony), and a completed witness disclosure form (enclosed).

The Rules of the Committee also require that you submit an electronic copy of the testimony for the Committee majority and minority staff by sending it to: LeAnn.Delaney@mail.house.gov and Lisa.Christian@mail.house.gov. In addition, please provide 75 copies of your testimony for distribution at least 1 day prior to the date of the hearing. Testimony should be delivered to the Committee's offices at 2361 Rayburn House Office Building and a copy should also be delivered to the offices of the minority staff in Room B-363 Rayburn. The committee looks forward to your participation. Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact Andy Jiminez of the Committee staff at 202-225-4038.

Sincerely,



Nydia M. Velázquez
Chairwoman
House Committee on Small Business