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Lu-Ann Barry  
Executive Director  
U.S. Small Business Administration Women's Business Center  
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Dear Ms. Barry,

I am writing to send my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes on the grand opening of the new U.S. Small Business Administration Women's Business Center in Greensboro. This SBA Women's Business Center is the first and only location in Greensboro and will be located on the campus of Bennett College, which is dear to my heart as a former Bennett College professor and advocate for Black women entrepreneurs.

As an entrepreneur, I know that this SBA Women's Business Center will be important for the women small business owners of Greensboro. This center will help women devise business plans, develop marketing ideas and access SBA loans. This historical moment could not have come at a more appropriate time to honor the life-long work of my dear friend Andrea Harris and Black Business Month. Andrea was a Bennett Belle, strong advocate for HBCUs and champion for Black businesses.

Black business owners will appreciate this SBA Women's Business Center on the campus of Bennett College, a heralded HBCU for women scholars. It will carry-on Andrea's legacy, mission, and historical work of the National Institute of Minority Economic Development, which was designed to diversify North Carolina's business base as a policy for expanding economic opportunity.

Again, I congratulate you on this achievement and wish you every success as you further the vision of Andrea and aim to serve the women small business owners of Greensboro and the region.

Sincerely,



Alma Adams, Ph.D. (NC-12)  
Member of Congress