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Snowe Calls for Elimination of Duplication and Fraud at the Small Business Administration

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Olympia J. Snowe (R-Maine) today questioned Small Business Administration (SBA) Administrator Karen Mills and Inspector General Peggy Gustafson, as well as representatives from small business advocacy organizations, about the agency’s efforts to combat inefficiencies, waste, fraud and abuse in its programs and management. Snowe, the Ranking Member of the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee hearing, urged the agency to root out fraud and redouble its efforts to reduce inefficiencies in order to maximize the impact its valuable programs have on job creation and economic growth.

Senator Snowe said:

“There can be no clearer impetus for us to find ways to eliminate inefficiencies, duplication, and waste across the government than the current economic crisis. Indeed, a recent Government Accountability Office report exposed massive duplication throughout our government, identifying 80 economic development programs across four Federal agencies – including the SBA, which administers 19 of the programs. In our current fiscal climate, it is critical that we examine every taxpayer dollar our government spends and utilize our nation’s small businesses to spur private sector job growth.”

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