



U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20416

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Susan Minson
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Office of Management and Budget
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Dear Ms. Minson:

As authorized by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, and the new [placeholder for name of new legislation], the Small Business Administration (SBA) has been providing COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loans to provide working capital for small businesses, private nonprofits, and small agricultural enterprises who suffered substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. SBA has received in excess of 16 million loan applications and a small percentage of those applications may be a result of identity theft.

In an effort to ensure that SBA is taking the appropriate action for applicants who have indicated they have been the victim of identity theft, those individuals will need to provide an affidavit, titled "Declaration of Identity Theft," to SBA indicating they were not involved in the filing of the loan application, and that they did not receive or have knowledge of who received the loan funds. Given the current urgent need to help mitigate additional harm to these victims of identity theft, SBA requests approval of this new information collection, under the emergency procedures set forth in 5 CFR 1320.13. SBA also requests a waiver from the requirement to publish the 60-day and 30-day public comment notices in the Federal Register. The SBA requests approval by January 12, 2021.

SBA appreciates your prompt attention to this matter and looks forward to receiving your emergency approval by January 12, 2021.

Sincerely,

James E. Rivera
Associate Administrator
For Disaster Assistance