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Cardin (D-MD), and Ranking Member Joni Ernst (R-IA) to Small Business Administrator Isabel Guzman regarding the unexpected departure of Associate Administrator for the Office of Capital Access, Patrick Kelley, and its impact on the SBA's misguided changes to its 7(a) Loan Program.

"The unexpected and abrupt departure of Patrick Kelley from the SBA after testifying before the Committee on Small Business is extremely concerning," said Chairman Williams. "Members from both sides of the aisle in both chambers of Congress brought up legitimate oversight questions about the changes to the agency's lending programs could add unnecessary risks to the government backed loan portfolios. Each signatory of this letter has very different political

ideologies; however, we came together to demonstrate to the SBA the gravity of this moment. I hope the agency will listen to Congressional leaders who conduct oversight over the SBA so they will put a pause on these rules to ensure the changes to the lending programs are implemented correctly rather than quickly.”

Read the full letter [here](#).

Read key excerpts of the letter:

“The unexpected departure on Friday of the Associate Administrator for the Office of Capital Access, Patrick Kelley, leaves a void in leadership at a time when such leadership will be key in overseeing the orderly implementation of the new lending rules.



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