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Mr. Dennis Piper, CPA
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Dear Mr. Piper:

I am pleased to congratulate you on your recent selection as the *2008 Western Pennsylvania Small Business Week/Financial Services Champion of the Year*.

Your hard work and dedication to your craft were lauded by Ms. Mary McKinney of the Small Business Development Center at Duquesne University. As the Pittsburgh District winner, your nomination package has been forwarded for competition at the regional level.

As the district director of the Pittsburgh District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), I believe individuals, like you, truly embody the importance of celebrating Small Business Week. This past year, you have become a small business champion, sharing your expertise, enthusiasm and hard work with the residents of your community. I will be contacting you to schedule an appointment to offer my congratulations in person and look forward to meeting with you.

I wish you continued success. Once again, congratulations.

Sincerely,

Carl Knoblock
District Director