December 23, 2009

Mr. Timothy R. F. Skaggs,
Director, Field Operations Center - East
United States Small Business Administration
101 Marietta Street, NW, Suite 700
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Request for SBA Loans for Broward County

Dear Mr. Skaggs:

Commencing December 17, 2009, a complex winter storm system produced severe weather over south Florida with flooding rains, severe thunderstorms, straight-line winds and tornadoes. As a result, major flooding was reported in a large part of Broward County. Following this severe weather event, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Small Business Administration (SBA), and the Florida Division of Emergency Management conducted joint preliminary damage assessments (PDA) of the impacted areas. The damage assessments indicate that 101 homes in the county sustained major damage. These residents require financial assistance that is not available on reasonable terms in the impacted area.

Based on this information and in accordance with Title 13 C.F.R. Part 123.3, I certify that a combination of at least 25 homes and businesses sustained uninsured losses of 40 percent or more of the estimated fair replacement pre-disaster fair market value of the damaged property. I request that the SBA make a physical disaster declaration for Broward County and offer low-interest SBA disaster loans to the affected households and businesses.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If additional information is required to assist you in your determination, please contact Doug Wright, Chief, Bureau of Recovery, Florida Division of Emergency Management at (850) 413-9963.

Sincerely,

Charlie Crist

cc: David Halstead, Interim Deputy Director