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The Honorable Sherrod Brown
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Dear Senator Brown,

The recession has taken a heavy toll on small business. While it was Wall Street's reckless speculation that brought about the economic meltdown, Main Street small businesses have suffered the consequences. As Wall Street bankers have been busy converting taxpayer bailouts into massive bonuses, Main Street small businesses continue to pay the price – in lost business, frozen credit, layoffs, and bankruptcies.

Small businesses are counting on Congress to enact real financial reform that includes three pillars:

1. **Create a strong, independent consumer financial protection agency to crack down on deceptive financial products.** Small businesses have taken a double hit: we've been harmed directly by deceptive financial products and our business has dwindled as the customers who sustain us got trapped in bad mortgages or saw their jobs disappear.
2. **End "too big to fail" by putting hard size caps on banks.** No small business is "too big to fail." The banks shouldn't get special treatment. If we don't put real caps in place, the banks will continue to grow and take bigger risks, knowing that when the next crisis comes we'll have no choice but to bail them out again.
3. **End proprietary trading, the ill-advised combination of basic banking with speculative investing.** The basic job of banking – to take depositors' money and offer loans to build and grow businesses – should be reliable and predictable. Using depositors' money for speculative gambling is risky and irresponsible.

Small business owners need these reforms so we can go back to doing what we do best: creating jobs and serving our local communities. A vote for strong financial reform is a vote for small businesses.

Sincerely,



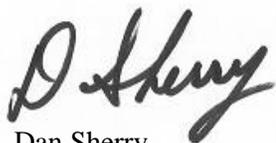
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