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Dear Small Business Owner:

Greetings from Washington, D.C.! I hope the year has brought good health to you and your families. As a member of Congress and a fifth generation small businessman-farmer, I know the rewards and concerns unique to small business owners, especially in these tough economic times. Small businesses are the backbone of the American economy, and I believe it is important that we continue to work together to create more opportunities for small businesses in North Florida.

On Tuesday, June 30, 2009, I will be participating in the Small Business Resource Conference focusing on the survival of businesses today. The conference will be held at Gulf Coast Community College in Panama City, Florida, from 8:30am to 2:00pm. This event is free to participants and hosted by the Small Business Development Center, Gulf Coast Community College, the Bay County Chamber of Commerce, and the Panama City Beach Chamber of Commerce. I would like to extend an invitation to you to join me and other small business owners for this day of learning and sharing.

Are any of the following topics of interest to you?

- Update from Washington by your Congressman
- North Florida Economic Outlook with facts, figures, and charts by Dr. Rick Harper, HAAS Business Research Center
- New IRS laws for small businesses and minimum wage
- Innovative ways to market your small business on a small budget

All of these sessions in addition to other resources will be available to you. This will be a great time to network with small business vendors and those that offer solutions for small businesses.

Pre-registration is required. Log on to www.gulfcoast.edu/smallbusiness or call 850-271-1108.

Vendor tables are also available. Call the Small Business Development Center for more details at 850-271-1108.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,



Allen Boyd
Member of Congress