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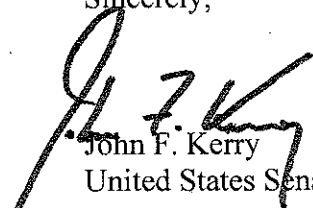
Dear Mr. Long,

Thank you for sharing the Somerville Board of Aldermen's Resolution regarding H.R. 5297, the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act of 2010. I appreciate your input on this issue.

As you may know, this bill was passed by the House of Representatives on June 17, 2010 and has been committed to the Senate Committee on Finance, where it awaits consideration. I understand the pressure that any effort to pre-empt state and local taxing authority on hotel rooms would put on the City of Somerville, as well as many other municipalities. Please rest assured that I will give keep the Board's suggestion in mind as the bill moves through the Senate, and will urge my colleagues to do the same.

Again, thank you for sharing the Board's thoughts on this issue, as it is through correspondence such as yours that I am able to understand the concerns of my constituents.

Sincerely,


John F. Kerry
United States Senator

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