

(on your letterhead)

December 1, 2009

The Honorable <Representative>
<address>

Dear Representative (Name):

I am writing to you for assistance to reinvigorate the National Small Business Tree Planting Program (Title 15 – Chapter 14 A – Section 651). This program, authorized for several years in the 1990's, helped to beautify retail storefronts and rental housing and parks, turn Main Streets into Green Streets, and jump-start many municipal tree canopy initiatives. As research has shown, trees enhance community economic stability by attracting businesses and tourists.

<paragraph about local benefits especially anecdotes of figures from when the program previously operated>

The original Small Business Administration (SBA) program was much loved and woefully missed by the Alliance for Community Trees and its member organizations since the program was last re-authorized in 1997.

Now Rep. Kurt Schrader (OR-5) is leading an effort to re-authorize this legislation. I am asking you to be a co-sponsor. To do so, please contact Chris Huckleberry in Rep. Schrader's Washington, DC office.

Thank you for consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or I can be of future service.

Sincerely,

Name
Title
Organization
Phone
Email