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Phyllis Papani Goodwin, CEO
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Dear Phyllis,

I would like to congratulate you on being ranked among the largest minority/women-owned businesses in Massachusetts in the Boston Business Journal September 19, 2014 edition. It is my belief that in order to ensure a more inclusive and equitable society, it is vitally important that we have diversity in our business leadership.

As former Chair of the Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business, I am aware of the challenges you face as a business owner. Therefore, I want to thank you for your leadership and continued contribution to the Commonwealth's economic growth. During my time in office, I have drafted legislation to codify the Massachusetts Office of Access and Opportunities, which seeks to identify, understand, and act upon structural impediments, which inhibit the equal opportunity of various individuals within the state's social and economic mainstream. I hope that this legislation would promote diversity and help individuals achieve their goals for success.

With your help, we are moving towards a more representative society, which is crucial if we are ever to reach true equality. I wish you the best of luck in all of your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Dorcena Forry".
Linda Dorcena Forry
State Senator