



Chris Van Hollen
U.S. Senator

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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 2018 Annual Maryland Hispanic Business Conference.

This year's theme, "In Unity There Is Strength," is a timely and vitally important reminder of how much we can accomplish together. This event itself demonstrates the importance of collaboration, and I commend the Maryland Hispanic Business Conference for fostering the relationships that help position Hispanic businesses to succeed. Their successes are Maryland's successes, and I applaud the MHBC for its efforts on behalf of the Hispanic community and the State of Maryland.

As a member of the Senate Banking Committee, I am fighting hard to expand credit for small and minority-owned businesses. I understand the vital role these businesses play in creating jobs and supporting growth in our communities, and I will continue to do all I can to ensure that they have the support and resources to succeed.

I look forward to a productive Conference and to continuing to be your partner in ensuring that Maryland's minority-owned business community continues to thrive.

Sincerely,

Chris Van Hollen
United States Senator