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Small Business Administration 409 3rd St. SW Washington DC 20416 Via email at <u>underservedcouncil@sba.gov</u>

I understand that the SBA is soliciting nominations from members from the public for representation on the Council on Underserved Communities with a deadline of Tuesday, July 20, 2021. The requirements for nominations include:

- Must be representative of the interests of urban or rural underserved communities;
- Former or current small business owner;
- Community leader;
- Official from a small business trade association or academic institution.

I attest that I meet all four of these criteria and wish to self-nominate for this position. I represent or am associated with a number of small businesses and nonprofit organizations in a disadvantaged area that are now struggling to reopen after the pandemic shutdown. The businesses in our lower income rural New Jersey bayshore region received little or no financial assistance to help with the reopening.

Full name of nominee: Tony Novak

Primary affiliation: Baysave Corporation, a 501(c)(3) organization focused on environmental justice and economic redevelopment at the rural southwest New Jersey bayshore region that includes the Millville/Bridgeton/Vineland region.

Occupation: small business owner, adviser, accountant

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Form SBA 898 and a resume is also attached. I would be pleased to have any opportunity to discuss this further.

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