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State Senator GAIL SCHWARTZ
200 E. Colfax Ave., Room 338
Denver, CO 80203

Re: SB 233

Dear Senator Schwartz:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on SB 233.

Your support of small business and emerging business enterprise in Delta County makes a difference. To that end, we want to heartily endorse SB233 as a commonsense, grassroots solution to supporting businesses located on a mixed use residential property.

In Delta County, many businesses utilize their residential property in order to earn income. In addition, there is a movement underfoot in the county to encourage numerous other new enterprises that will rely on a mixed use residential property to employ part time workers, home workers and underemployed individuals.

This Saturday, Paonia, Crawford and Hotchkiss Chambers of Commerce will hold an innovative new Small Business Symposium in Paonia with the support of the Small Business Development Corporation (a division of the Small Business Administration), various community banks and other state and local agencies. **(Please see attached flyer below.)** Vital small businesses that support the people of Delta County through employment are encouraged by your support and are watching the progress of Bill 233.

SB233 can make an immediate and tangible difference in the fate of small business in enhanced economic zones like Delta and Hinsdale Counties.

Thank you for your continued support in preserving the character of the rural West with innovative solutions.

Sincerely,

Claudia K. Cunningham
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*How to Keep Your
Business Successful
In a Tight Economy:
Business Tips & Assistance
for Tough Times*

**Saturday, April 25, 2009
8:30 am - 1:00 pm
Paonia Colorado**

Agenda - at the Paradise Theater

- 8:30 am - *Registration*
- 9:00 am - *Opening Remarks and Introductions*
- 9:30 am - *1:00 pm - Many agency and business resources will be available at the Paonia Town Hall to provide information on banking, SBA loans, grants, technical assistance, tourism and other interests*
- 9:45 am - **Confidence In Your Cash Flow:**
simple tools to review/ improve/project cash flow in your business - presented by Marilyn Laverty, West Central Small Business Development Center
- 10:45 am - **What To Do Before Seeing a Loan Officer & How a Loan Officer Can Help You -**
A panel discussion featuring local bank officers and SBA counselors
- 11:45 am - **How to use free, and low-cost marketing techniques to improve your business-**
A panel discussion featuring representatives from chambers, tourism, and other resources
- 12:30 pm - *Final Remarks*



Interested in One-to-One
 Counseling on your
 Business Plan, Cash Flow
 Financial Statements?
 You can have a one-hour
 session with the
 Small Business
 Development Center!
 Sessions are available
 Friday afternoon, April 24th, and
 Saturday afternoon, April 25th
 These sessions are free,
 but registration is required.
 Call 970-953-3157

Sponsored By:

- PAONIA**
Chamber of Commerce
- Paonia Chamber of Commerce
- Crawford Area Chamber of Commerce
- Hotchkiss Chamber of Commerce
- West Central Small Business Development Center
- Colorado SBDC NETWORK WESTERN-COLORADO

Facilities Sponsors:
Paradise Theater, Paonia
Paonia Town Hall

Some of the Agencies and Business Resources that will be available at Paonia Town Hall:

Small Business Development Center, Delta Area Development Inc, Delta County Tourism Cabinet, Dept of Agriculture-Rural Development Office, Ask Colorado-Library Network, SBA local representatives, local banking representatives, chamber representatives and many others

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ??????