## S. 182

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

January 25, 2001

Ms. Snowe (for herself and Mr. Kerry) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business

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| 1  | Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-         |
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| 2  | tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, |
| 3  | SECTION 1. PEER-TO-PEER CAPACITY BUILDING.                   |
| 4  | Section 7(m)(9) of the Small Business Act (15                |
| 5  | U.S.C. 636(m)(9)) is amended by adding at the end the        |
| 6  | following:   |
| 7  | "(D) PEER-TO-PEER CAPACITY BUILDING                          |
| 8  | AND TRAINING.—The Administrator may use                      |
| 9  | not more than \$1,000,000 of the annual appro-               |
| 10 | priation to the Administration for technical as-             |
| 11 | sistance grants to subcontract with 1 or more                |

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national trade associations of eligible inter-2 mediaries, or other entities knowledgeable about 3 and experienced in microlending and related technical assistance, under this subsection to provide peer-to-peer capacity building and training to lenders under this subsection and 6 organizations seeking to become lenders under 7 this subsection.". 8

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