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FRAUD ALERT- SSBCI Application for Credit Payday Loans

The State of Georgia administers the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI), a program of the U.S. Department of Treasury designed to strengthen state lending programs that support small businesses and manufacturers. A recent news article detailing the launch of a new service to help people with bad credit obtain payday loans is false and fraudulent. Individuals are urged to protect themselves by not providing any personal information online. The SSBCI program works directly with approved lenders and is not a consumer lender. For accurate information regarding the SSBCI program, please visit www.dca.ga.gov or <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1144>.

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About the Department of Community Affairs

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) partners with communities to build strong and vibrant neighborhoods, commercial and industrial areas through community and economic development, local government assistance, and safe and affordable housing. Using state and federal resources, DCA helps communities spur private job creation, implement planning, develop downtowns, generate affordable housing solutions and promote volunteerism. DCA also helps qualified Georgians with low and moderate incomes buy homes, rental housing and prevent foreclosure and homelessness. For more information, visit www.dca.ga.gov.