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The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship
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Dear Chairman Vitter and Ranking Member Shaheen,

The Small Business Technology Council would like to offer its support for S. 2116, the "Small Business Broadband and Emerging Information Technology Enhancement Act of 2015",

As the world becomes more connected, broadband internet becomes more and more a necessity of doing business rather than a luxury. This is true for all businesses, but particularly those in high-tech industries. Unfortunately, many small and start-up businesses still struggle to afford broadband service, and there are many underserved areas and states where access to broadband internet still lags behind more developed regions of the country. S. 2116 addresses this disparity by tasking the SBA to provide training for small businesses on how to access, find financing, and effectively utilize broadband internet. In addition, a new coordinator at the SBA will organize and coordinate training programs, as well as serve as liaison to the Broadband Opportunity Council.

These steps will help refocus SBA's approach to broadband, and provide new resources and education for startup and small businesses looking to improve their connectivity. Our members appreciate the Senate Small Business Committee's efforts to give small businesses the tools they need to grow and continue to be the engine that drives the American Economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jere W. Glover". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

Jere W. Glover
Executive Director
Small Business Technology Council

Small Business Technology Council (SBTC) is the nation's largest organization of small, technology-based companies in diverse fields. SBTC is the largest organization representing SBIR/STTR award winners working across government agencies. SBTC serves as the high-tech arm of the National Small Business Association (NSBA), the nation's first small business organization.