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The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
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Dear Chairman Vitter and Ranking Member Shaheen,

The Small Business Technology Council, and the undersigned SBIR small businesses, offers its strong support for S 2793, the "SBIR and STTR Reauthorization and Improvement Act of 2016". The SBIR/STTR programs are an invaluable component of America's economy, and one of the few sources of R&D funding for high-tech small businesses. These programs have proven to be one of the most efficient and cost-effective R&D programs in the Federal government. This bill will help even more promising small businesses develop the next generation of cutting-edge technologies, while creating more jobs in high-tech fields.

We commend the Senate Committee on Small Business and its members for the effort they have put into creating this bill, and in particular for the bipartisan leadership of Chairman David Vitter and Ranking Member Jeanne Shaheen. As members of the SBIR community, we are truly grateful for all their work in making sure the SBIR and STTR programs continue to provide small businesses with the funding resources they need to drive American innovation, and we hope that S2793 is swiftly passed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jere W. Glover". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Jere W. Glover
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