



November 2, 2021

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Dear Senator Coons, Senator Rubio, Rep. Houlahan, and Rep. Balderson,

Jere Glover  
Executive Director

The Small Business Technology Council (SBTC) is pleased to offer its endorsement for the Research Advancing to Market Production (RAMP) for Innovators Act of 2021, as introduced by Senator Coons and Senator Rubio in the Senate and Rep. Houlahan and Rep. Balderson in the House of Representatives.

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The SBIR and STTR programs are two of the most successful innovation programs in government, engaging small business entrepreneurship and R&D skills in solving national challenges while creating new products and services to strengthen the American economy. But even with successful technologies, commercialization is still challenging. This bill will further strengthen the commercialization opportunities from SBIR and STTR. The bill enacts several changes designed to help small businesses better transition their technologies to the marketplace.

In particular, SBTC strongly supports increased agency accountability for success in their SBIR/STTR programs and the creation of a Technology Commercialization Official in each Agency whose focus will be on helping SBIR awardees commercialize their technology. We also strongly support the clarification language to Technical and Business Assistance (TABAs) program that will permit small businesses to use TABA funds to pay employees to perform the work described under that program, rather than requiring them to hire a third-party vendor.

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  
Executive Director  
Small Business Technology Council

*The Small Business Technology Council (www.SBTC.org) is the nation's largest association of small, technology-based companies in diverse fields. SBTC advocates on behalf of firms who participate in the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs.*