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The Honorable Nydia Velazquez
Ranking Member
US House Committee on Small Business

The Honorable Edward Markey
Ranking Member
US Senate Committee on Small Business &
Entrepreneurship

Dear Ranking Member Velazquez and Ranking Member Markey,

The Small Business Technology Council (SBTC) is pleased to offer its endorsement to your bicameral "SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act of 2025".

High-tech small businesses are the engine of America's innovative economy, and no program in government harnesses that engine more effectively than the SBIR and STTR programs. Since 1982, SBIR has helped fund some of the biggest technological breakthroughs in the US, while providing American small businesses with the critical funding to advance their research. SBIR/STTR works due to its high level of competition and ability to leverage the capabilities of a wide variety of R&D focused small businesses from all over the nation to help the agencies fulfill their missions and needs.

The "SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act of 2025" will build on the successes of the programs, while maintaining what has made them successful in the first place. We particularly appreciate the SBIR/STTR programs being made permanent, a long-overdue step for programs that have proven their worth for over 40 years in the case of SBIR. Small businesses thrive on certainty and making these programs permanent sends a powerful message to small businesses that the government will continue to be a reliable partner and customer the them.

SBTC also supports increasing the SBIR and STTR allocations, for the first time since 2011. These programs continue to provide an enormous return on the taxpayer investment, and deserve to a larger investment of Federal R&D expenditures. Additionally, the improvements to Phase III and appointing a commercialization officer at each agency will help small businesses navigate the valley of death, and provide more opportunities to transition their SBIR-developed technologies.

SBTC would and its members are grateful for the work and attention that you and your staff have put into this legislation, and we strongly support its passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jere W. Glover".

Jere W. Glover
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