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Dear Chairwoman Ernst, Chairman Williams, Chairman Babin, Ranking Member Markey, Ranking Member Velazquez, and Ranking Member Lofgren,

The Small Business Technology Council (SBTC) is writing to express its gratitude for your continuing efforts to reauthorize the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs. For over 40 years the SBIR and STTR programs have been a critical part of the government's innovation ecosystem, providing government agencies and the warfighter with the new technology they need fulfill their missions, while creating an essential funding pathway for America's most innovative sector, small businesses.

As negotiations for a long-term SBIR/STTR extension continue ahead of the September 30, 2025 termination date, it is essential that Congress act within the next two weeks to prevent these vital innovation programs from lapsing. Allowing the program to lapse would immediately stop all agency SBIR/STTR activities, halting all new SBIR/STTR awards as well as DOD and other agency transition programs to advance successful technologies to the warfighter and American economy. The result would harm the program's small businesses and the agencies that depend on the technologies to advance their missions.

To this end, SBTC applauds the House for its passage of HR. 5100, a clean 1-year extension of the SBIR/STTR programs, in rapid and bipartisan fashion. We urge the Senate to take up this bill and pass it quickly, to avoid a lapse in authority that would immediately halt all new SBIR/STTR awards and transition programs, threaten the survival of the small businesses and the technologies they are developing, and harm employment at these businesses. An extension would allow the agencies and small businesses to continue to strengthen the American economy, boost confidence among small technology entrepreneurs to encourage investment despite risks, and give all parties a full year to continue discussions towards a long-term reauthorization.

Thank you for your consideration,

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

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