Sent: All Members of Congress

July 21, 2022

On behalf of <u>Research!America</u>, thank you for your service to our nation during a period in our history when the significance of U.S. research and development capacity has never been more apparent.

In that context, we hope you will champion reauthorization of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs once a bipartisan, bicameral agreement has been secured. Without Congressional action, SBIR and STTR will expire in just over two months – on September 30, 2022.

SBIR and STTR provide vital funding for small businesses working to advance health, defense, security, and other key priorities. Among the many, many ways small businesses have contributed to our nation through this program, SBIR and STTR investment has enabled the development of pioneering cancer therapies and diagnostics as well as technologies used on all U.S. Navy anti-submarine warfare helicopters.

Further, SBIR and STTR programs generate billions of dollars in tax revenue and have created hundreds of thousands of high-quality jobs. SBIR and STTR <u>investment</u> has helped empower small businesses in every state across our nation.

We are grateful to members of Congress on both sides of the aisle who are working collaboratively to strengthen and reauthorize these programs before their current authorization expires. We urge you to reinforce these efforts by advocating for bipartisan reauthorization of the SBIR and STTR programs before the next congressional recess.

Thank you again, and please extend our gratitude to your staff members for your hard work on behalf of us all.

Sincerely,

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