

THE NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL

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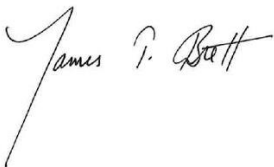
Dear New England Representatives,

On behalf of the members of The New England Council, we urge you to pass the legislation reauthorizing the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and the Small Business Technology (STTR) programs before they are set to expire on September 30, 2022. As you know, the SBIR and STTR programs authorize federal agencies to distribute competitive awards to early-stage small businesses with innovative proposals that address federal research and development objectives. These popular, bipartisan programs focus on spurring innovation in high-impact technology sectors – such as healthcare, energy, and defense, and ensuring that the United States remains competitive internationally.

These programs are competitive and merit-based, with the federal government selecting the best ideas and technologies to fund. The SBIR and STTR programs have been highly important to small businesses in New England – earning over 30,000 awards valued at over \$10.2 billion since the programs' inception. The SBIR program has created thousands of high-quality jobs in New England, generated hundreds of billions of economic activity, and developed thousands of important technologies for our nation that helps keep our nation as a top international competitor – many of which are manufactured in the region. The continuation of this program is vital to New England's continued business growth and success.

Members of the New England Council urge you to reauthorize the program authority for the SBIR/STTR programs, prior to September 30, 2022, keeping programs merit-based and avoiding an overall programmatic lapse. If you or your staff have any questions or would like to discuss further, please feel free to contact me or Mariah Healy, our Director of Federal Affairs, at mhealy@newenglandcouncil.com.

Sincerely,



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