

# THE NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL

July 8, 2025

Dear New England Members of Congress,

On behalf of the members of The New England Council, we urge you to support legislation reauthorizing the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and the Small Business Technology (STTR) programs before they are set to expire on September 30, 2025. We would like to see this program made permanent as written in the *SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act of 2025* recently introduced by Senator Ed Markey (D-MA) in the Senate, and Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez (D-NY) in the House. Specifically, the *SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act of 2025* would:

- Make permanent the SBIR and STTR programs.
- Maintain the competitive, merit-based approach and keep these programs open to all small businesses.
- Increase funding for SBIR/STTR.
- Strengthen commercialization efforts.
- Maintain bipartisan foreign due diligence efforts.
- Dismantle barriers to broaden participation.

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 33,000 awards valued at over \$12 billion since the programs' inception. The SBIR program has created thousands of high-quality jobs in New England, generated hundreds of billions of dollars in economic activity, and developed thousands of important technologies—many of which are manufactured in the region and help make the US more globally competitive. The STTR program provides a critical link between the region's premier research institutions and new businesses by providing the trained personnel and facilities necessary to get them started. The continuation of these programs 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, 2025, and to support the *SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act of 2025* which would keep programs merit-based and avoid 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](mailto:mhealy@newenglandcouncil.com).

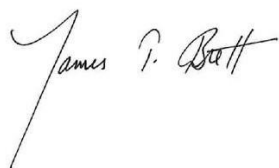
Sincerely,

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