Subject: Small Business Needs Reauthorization of the SBIR/STTR Programs

Dear Senator [name],

I am writing as a [small business founder/concerned citizen located in CITY, STATE] deeply invested in the health and future of America's innovative small businesses. The continued delay in the reauthorization of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs is causing immediate and potentially irreversible harm to entrepreneurs nationwide, and I urge you to act with the utmost urgency.

The prolonged lapse in SBIR/STTR program authorization, which has been in effect since September 30, 2025, is devastating. Tens of thousands of small businesses rely on SBIR/STTR funding to sustain their research and development pipelines. Without action, many will be forced to halt projects, lay off skilled employees, or close entirely, abandoning years of federally-supported innovation and private investment.

These are not abstract losses. SBIR- and STTR-backed companies are responsible for breakthrough technologies, high-quality jobs, and regional economic growth. Allowing these programs to languish undermines U.S. competitiveness and signals instability to entrepreneurs, investors, and global partners alike.

[Please add any details about how this has affected your business/employees/technology development plans here. Consider using a bulleted format]

I acknowledge that negotiations are underway to reach a compromise on the reauthorization and respectfully urge you to continue to work with your colleagues on the Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship to expedite legislative action and restore certainty for small businesses as soon as possible before further damage is done. Every day of delay increases the cost—to jobs, innovation, and our nation's technological leadership.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I would appreciate hearing how you plan to support swift reauthorization and ensure continuity for these critical programs.

Sincerely,