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The Honorable Mary L. Landrieu  
Chair  
Committee on Small Business  
and Entrepreneurship  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-1803

Dear Madam Chair:

Administrator Mills has asked me to respond to your recent letter providing additional comment on the proposed regulations to implement Section 107 of the SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act of 2011, enacted as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (P.L. 112-81).

At the outset, let me say it was good to have Kevin Wheeler of your staff participate in the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Office of Advocacy Roundtable discussion of the proposed rules back in June. We have been very busy reviewing and considering the numerous comments received as a result of the Federal Register posting.

We appreciate the effort of you and your colleagues in Congress to make the Reauthorization a reality, and want to make sure we do a thorough job of putting in place a solid set of rules to operationalize the legislation.

Your comments provide us with insight into the intent of the Senate in drafting various provisions of the Reauthorization. We will firmly consider each of your comments as we carefully craft the final version of the rules.

We appreciate your continued support of the SBA and the SBIR and STTR Programs. A similar letter is being sent to Senators Snowe, Ayotte, Shaheen, Brown, and Udall.

Sincerely,

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for Investment and Innovation