

September 24, 2012

The Honorable John B. Larson  
US House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Larson:

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

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) appreciates the efforts of you and your colleagues in making the Reauthorization a reality. The Agency wants to make sure that we do a thorough job of putting in place a solid set of rules to operationalize the legislation.

We have been very busy reviewing and considering the numerous comments received as a result of the Federal Register posting. The SBA will firmly consider each of your comments as we carefully craft the final version of the rules.

We appreciated your support of the SBA and the SBIR and STTR Programs. If you and your staff have any questions, please contact the SBA Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs at (202) 205-6700.

Sincerely,

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