

October 3, 2012

The Honorable Jack Reed  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-3903

Dear Senator Reed:

Thank you for the recent letter expressing the concerns of your constituent regarding the recently published Proposed Size Rule for the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program.

Specifically, your constituent expressed concern about the proposed language in the size rule that could pave the way for allowing large and foreign owned businesses into the SBIR Program. We understand the concern expressed by your constituent. We have been busy reviewing comments on a number of provisions in the Proposed Size Rule, including many similar to your constituent. We are committed to giving each and every comment a thorough evaluation, so that the final published rule will assist in bolstering the Program.

We appreciate your support of the SBA and the Rhode Island small business community. 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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Investment and Innovation