



August 1, 2022

The Honorable Todd Young
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Braun
United States Senate
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The Honorable Frank Mrvan
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The Honorable Jackie Walorski
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The Honorable Larry Bucshon
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Trey Hollingsworth
U.S. House of Representatives
1641 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Senator Young, Senator Braun, Rep. Mrvan, Rep. Walorski, Rep. Banks, Rep. Baird, Rep. Carson, Rep. Pence, Rep. Bucshon, and Rep. Hollingsworth,

The Indiana Health Industry Forum (IHIF) is the state's life sciences trade association. We represent almost 160 innovative life sciences companies and support the broader ecosystem in the state of Indiana. The sector includes over 2,000 companies in the pharma/biopharma, medical device, and health IT sectors. Indiana's life sciences output has recently been estimated at \$150 Billion¹ – as you know, we are a large and important state in this industry. The companies and organizations represented here respectfully request that Congress act quickly to reauthorize the enabling legislation around the Small Business Innovation and Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs. The current legislation is set to expire on September 30, 2022 - something that would cause great disruption to the grantees already awarded and those pending research funding, as well as to the agencies providing the funding.

¹ BioCrossroads and TEconomy Partners, "[ESSENTIAL: The impact of healthcare and life sciences sector in Indiana](#)", June 2022



The state's life sciences ecosystem includes many early-stage bioscience companies that rely on SBIR/STTR funding to advance and de-risk innovative health care solutions for patients. Federal R&D funding also provides a basis for scientific and technical validation, which attracts private investment when few other funding sources are available.

SBIR/STTR programs are the largest source of early-stage technology financing in the United States. The programs are highly competitive and encourage small businesses to explore their technological potential². Funding is available from 11 participating agencies and focuses on a variety of technological areas, including life sciences.

Since 2018, Indiana companies have received 258 SBIR grants (Phase 1 and 2) totaling over \$118 million. 55 of those, totaling \$39 million, came from the National Institutes of Health alone³.

It is vitally important that this legislation be reauthorized **before** it expires on September 30th. A disruption in the program could mean that important research on new therapies and technologies is suspended or stopped, sending additional shocks through the supply chain that supports pre-clinical research. Federal agencies could also see their research and technology development stalled by a disruption in these programs. Both small businesses and the granting agencies need certainty, stability, and predictability to budget and plan, especially as the nation works to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic and faces ongoing economic challenges.

We respectfully request that an extension of the SBIR/STTR programs, including related pilot authorities, be included in any "must pass" legislation before September 30, 2022.

Respectfully yours,

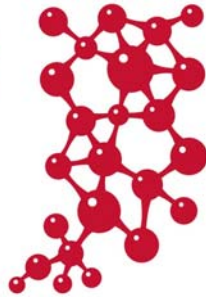
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² Elevate Ventures, <https://elevateventures.com/programs/sbir-sttr-grants/>

³ SBIR.Gov – Award – State Map, <https://www.sbir.gov/reports/state-summary?year%5B%5D=2022&year%5B%5D=2021&year%5B%5D=2020&year%5B%5D=2019&year%5B%5D=2018>



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