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To improve the SBIR and STTR programs under the Small Business Act,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. ERNST introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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Business Act, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Investing in National Next-Generation Opportunities for
6 Venture Acceleration and Technological Excellence” or the
7 “INNOVATE Act”.

8 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for
9 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Definitions.

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TITLE I—PROMOTING TRANSITION FOR BATTLE-READY
TECHNOLOGIES

- Sec. 101. Enhancing small business success in the STTR program.
- Sec. 102. Phase II strategic breakthrough funding.
- Sec. 103. Implementation briefings.
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OF AMERICA

- Sec. 201. Encouraging new SBIR and STTR entrants.
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- Sec. 301. Definition of open topics.
- Sec. 302. Reducing administrative burden.

TITLE IV—PROTECTING AMERICAN INNOVATION FROM
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- Sec. 401. Definition of foreign risk.
- Sec. 402. Bolstering research security of SBIR and STTR awards.
- Sec. 403. Strengthening the due diligence program to assess security risks.
- Sec. 404. Strengthening agency recovery authority.
- Sec. 405. Best practices on investor informational rights.
- Sec. 406. GAO report.

TITLE V—SIMPLIFYING SBIR-STTR COMMERCIALIZATION
STANDARDS

- Sec. 501. Streamlining transition and commercialization rate benchmarks.
- Sec. 502. Improving direct to Phase II authorities.
- Sec. 503. Improving SBIR-STTR data collection.
- Sec. 504. Streamlining program administration.
- Sec. 505. Extending SBIR and STTR authorization.

1 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

2 In this Act, the terms “Phase I”, “Phase II”, “Phase
3 III”, “SBIR”, and “STTR” have the meanings given
4 those terms in section 9(e) of the Small Business Act (15
5 U.S.C. 638(e)).

1 **TITLE I—PROMOTING TRANSI-**
2 **TION FOR BATTLE-READY**
3 **TECHNOLOGIES**

4 **SEC. 101. ENHANCING SMALL BUSINESS SUCCESS IN THE**
5 **STTR PROGRAM.**

6 Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638
7 et seq.) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (e)—

9 (A) in paragraph (6)—

10 (i) in subparagraph (A), by adding
11 “and” at the end; and

12 (ii) by striking subparagraphs (B) and
13 (C) and inserting the following:

14 “(B) opportunities for follow-on funding in
15 Phases II and III of the SBIR program;”; and

16 (B) in paragraph (7)—

17 (i) by striking “40” and inserting
18 “50”; and

19 (ii) by striking “30” and inserting
20 “20”;

21 (2) in subsection (f)(1)—

22 (A) in subparagraph (H), by striking
23 “and” at the end;

1 (B) in subparagraph (I), by striking “and
2 each fiscal year thereafter,” and inserting “;
3 and”; and

4 (C) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(J) not less than 3.45 percent of such
6 budget in fiscal year 2026 and every year there-
7 after,”; and

8 (3) in subsection (n)—

9 (A) in paragraph (1)(B)—

10 (i) in clause (iv), by striking “and” at
11 the end;

12 (ii) in clause (v), by striking “and
13 each fiscal year thereafter.” and inserting
14 “; and”; and

15 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(vi) not less than 0.20 percent for
18 fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year there-
19 after.”;

20 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and
21 (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively; and

22 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
23 following:

24 “(2) PURPOSE OF STTR PROGRAM.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each Federal agency
2 shall use its STTR budget to fund small busi-
3 ness concerns conducting fundamental, basic, or
4 other scientific research that stands to benefit
5 most from partnerships with eligible research
6 institutions.

7 “(B) DOD AND NASA.—The Department
8 of Defense and the National Aeronautics and
9 Space Administration shall use their STTR
10 budget to solely fund research at technology
11 readiness levels 1, 2, and 3.”.

12 **SEC. 102. PHASE II STRATEGIC BREAKTHROUGH FUNDING.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9 of the Small Business
14 Act (15 U.S.C. 638), as amended by this Act, is amend-
15 ed—

16 (1) by redesignating subsection (y) as para-
17 graph (3), adjusting the margins accordingly, and
18 moving it so as to appear in subsection (ff) after
19 paragraph (2);

20 (2) in subsection (aa), by adding at the end the
21 following:

22 “(6) STRATEGIC BREAKTHROUGH ALLOCA-
23 TION.—The Department of Defense or its compo-
24 nents shall not be required to receive a waiver from
25 the Administrator to award a small business concern

1 not more than \$30,000,000 when using funds made
2 available under a strategic breakthrough alloca-
3 tion.”;

4 (3) in subsection (ff)—

5 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
6 “AND STTR” and inserting “PHASE II”;

7 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “or
8 Phase II STTR award”; and

9 (C) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated—

10 (i) in the paragraph heading, by strik-
11 ing “COMMERCIALIZATION READINESS
12 PROGRAM” and inserting “STRATEGIC
13 BREAKTHROUGH AWARDS”;

14 (ii) in subparagraph (A), as so redesi-
15 gnated—

16 (I) in the first sentence, by strik-
17 ing “create and administer a ‘Com-
18 mercialization Readiness Program’”
19 and inserting “provide funding”; and

20 (II) in the second sentence, by
21 striking “create and administer a
22 Commercialization Program under
23 this subsection” and inserting “pro-
24 vide funding under this paragraph”;

1 (iii) in subparagraph (B), as so reded-
2 ignated—

3 (I) in the first sentence, by strik-
4 ing “In carrying out the Commer-
5 cialization Readiness Program” and
6 inserting the following:

7 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out
8 this paragraph”;

9 (II) in clause (i), as so des-
10 ignated—

11 (aa) by striking “shall iden-
12 tify” and inserting “shall—
13 “(I) identify”;

14 (bb) in subclause (I), as so
15 designated, by striking the period
16 at the end and inserting a semi-
17 colon; and

18 (cc) by adding at the end
19 the following:

20 “(II) ensure, in collaboration
21 with SBIR program managers of each
22 component of the Department of De-
23 fense, that research programs identi-
24 fied under subclause (I) are analyzed
25 within the programming and budg-

1 eting process as budget requests are
2 developed; and

3 “(III) provide to the Committee
4 on Small Business and Entrepreneur-
5 ship of the Senate and the Commit-
6 tees on Small Business and Science,
7 Space, and Technology of the House
8 of Representatives information on the
9 integration of SBIR and STTR
10 awardees in budget rollouts for re-
11 search, development, testing, and eval-
12 uation activities.”; and

13 (III) by adding at the end the
14 following:

15 “(ii) AWARD.—Under this paragraph,
16 a funding agreement may be awarded to a
17 small business concern by the Department
18 of Defense using funds made available
19 under a strategic breakthrough allocation,
20 as defined in subparagraph (C)(i).”;

21 (iv) by striking subparagraphs (C),
22 (D), and (E), as so redesignated, and in-
23 serting the following:

24 “(C) FUNDING PARAMETERS.—

1 “(i) DEFINITION.—In this subpara-
2 graph, the term ‘strategic breakthrough al-
3 location’ means a required expenditure
4 amount for the Department of Defense
5 within the SBIR allocation under sub-
6 section (f)(1) for fiscal year 2026 and
7 every fiscal year thereafter of not less than
8 0.25 percent of the extramural budget for
9 research or research and development des-
10 ignated for the Department of Defense.

11 “(ii) REQUIREMENTS.—In the case of
12 a Phase II agreement that is awarded to a
13 small business concern by the Department
14 of Defense using funds made available
15 under a strategic breakthrough allocation,
16 the following requirements shall apply:

17 “(I) AWARD SIZE AND PERIOD
18 OF PERFORMANCE.—The Department
19 of Defense may award not more than
20 1 award of not more than
21 \$30,000,000 per small business con-
22 cern, including its affiliates, spinouts,
23 or subsidiaries, from the strategic
24 breakthrough allocation with a period

1 of performance of not more than 48
2 months.

3 “(II) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN
4 REQUIREMENTS.—The small business
5 concern shall—

6 “(aa) have been awarded not
7 less than 1 prior Phase II award
8 under the SBIR program;

9 “(bb) demonstrate not less
10 than 100 percent matching funds
11 through new outside capital or
12 amounts awarded by the Depart-
13 ment of Defense under a pro-
14 gram other than Phase I and II
15 of the SBIR or STTR program
16 as a result of an award using
17 funds made available under a
18 strategic breakthrough allocation;

19 “(cc) have been awarded not
20 more than \$50,000,000 in cumu-
21 lative Department of Defense
22 contracts or awards; and

23 “(dd) only be eligible for an
24 award from the strategic break-
25 through allocation if the product,

1 process, or technology of the
2 small business concern—

3 “(AA) meets a nec-
4 essary level of readiness and
5 has a commitment for inclu-
6 sion in a program objective
7 memorandum from an offi-
8 cial with the rank of pro-
9 gram executive officer or
10 higher in an acquisition or-
11 ganization of the Depart-
12 ment of Defense;

13 “(BB) is an effective
14 solution, as determined by
15 market research; and

16 “(CC) will meet high
17 priority military require-
18 ments or operational needs
19 of a military department
20 through a successful transi-
21 tion and into the acquisition
22 process.

23 “(III) DEADLINE.—The Depart-
24 ment of Defense shall complete any
25 contract awards using strategic break-

1 through allocation funds not later
2 than 90 days after receiving a pro-
3 posal from a small business concern
4 for the award.

5 “(IV) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—
6 Eligible activities by a small business
7 concern using strategic breakthrough
8 allocation funds are—

9 “(aa) design for manufac-
10 turing;

11 “(bb) establishing manufac-
12 turing facilities, tooling, and sup-
13 ply chain capacity;

14 “(cc) buying raw materials
15 or inventory;

16 “(dd) the integration of
17 products with open interoper-
18 ability standards;

19 “(ee) testing, evaluation,
20 and certification of low-rate pro-
21 duction units; and

22 “(ff) the purchase of pro-
23 duction units and maintenance.

1 ness concern into its operations;
2 and

3 “(cc) such other criteria that
4 the Department of Defense deter-
5 mines to be appropriate.

6 “(D) ACQUISITION MECHANISM.—The De-
7 partment of Defense shall establish a mecha-
8 nism, such as a major system, to provide small
9 business concerns with direct access to program
10 and requirements offices throughout the De-
11 partment of Defense that may purchase tech-
12 nology from small business concerns under
13 Phase III of the SBIR program of the Depart-
14 ment of Defense.

15 “(E) OPERATIONAL NEEDS.—The Depart-
16 ment of Defense shall allow services to provide
17 operational needs statements directly to chiefs
18 of requirements offices.”; and

19 (v) in subparagraph (F), as so redes-
20 ignated—

21 (I) by amending clause (i) to
22 read as follows:

23 “(i) set a goal to substantively in-
24 crease the number of Phase II SBIR con-
25 tracts awarded by the Secretary that lead

1 to technology transition into programs of
2 record or fielded systems in fiscal year
3 2028 compared to fiscal year 2025; and”;

4 (II) by striking clause (ii);
5 (III) by redesignating clause (iii)
6 as clause (ii); and
7 (IV) in clause (ii), as so redesign-
8 nated—

9 (aa) in subclause (I), by
10 adding “and” at the end;
11 (bb) in subclause (II)—

12 (AA) by striking
13 “through the Commer-
14 cialization Readiness Pro-
15 gram” and inserting “under
16 a strategic breakthrough al-
17 location”; and
18 (BB) by striking “;
19 and” and inserting a period;
20 and
21 (cc) by striking subclause
22 (III); and
23 (4) by redesignating subsection (xx), entitled
24 “Additional Provisions Relating to Solicitation Top-

1 ics”, as subsection (y), and moving it so as to ap-
2 pear after subsection (x).

3 (b) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

4 Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638), as
5 amended by this Act, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (i)(1), by striking “subsection
7 (y)” and inserting “subsection (ff)(3)”;

8 (2) in subsection (mm)(1)(D), by striking “sub-
9 section (y)” and inserting “subsection (ff)(3)”; and

10 (3) in subsection (tt), by striking “(y)(6)(C)”
11 and inserting “(ff)(3)(F)(ii)”.

12 **SEC. 103. IMPLEMENTATION BRIEFINGS.**

13 Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment
14 of this Act, and on a recurrent basis until implementation
15 is complete, the Secretary of Defense shall brief the Com-
16 mittee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the
17 Senate and the Committee on Small Business and the
18 Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the
19 House of Representatives on the implementation of para-
20 graph (3) of section 9(ff) of the Small Business Act (15
21 U.S.C. 638(ff)), as added by section 102.

22 **SEC. 104. FIXED-PRICE CONTRACTS.**

23 Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638)
24 is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (f), by adding at the end the
2 following:

3 “(5) **FIXED-PRICE CONTRACT.**—Any funding
4 agreement that is a contract made with expenditures
5 allocated to the SBIR program under paragraph (1)
6 shall be a firm-fixed-price contract (as defined in
7 section 16.202 of the Federal Acquisition Regula-
8 tion), unless, on a case-by-case basis, the head of the
9 awarding Federal agency makes a written deter-
10 mination to utilize a different contract structure.”;
11 and

12 (2) in subsection (n), as amended by section
13 101, by adding at the end the following:

14 “(5) **FIXED-PRICE CONTRACT.**—Any funding
15 agreement that is a contract made with expenditures
16 allocated to the STTR program under paragraph (1)
17 shall be a firm-fixed-price contract (as defined in
18 section 16.202 of the Federal Acquisition Regula-
19 tion), unless the head of the awarding Federal agen-
20 cy makes a written determination to utilize a dif-
21 ferent contract structure.”.

1 **TITLE II—ENCOURAGING SMALL**
2 **BUSINESS INNOVATION IN**
3 **ALL OF AMERICA**

4 **SEC. 201. ENCOURAGING NEW SBIR AND STTR ENTRANTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—

6 (1) ENCOURAGING NEW SBIR AND STTR EN-
7 TRANTS.—Section 9(jj) of the Small Business Act
8 (15 U.S.C. 638(jj)) is amended to read as follows:

9 “(jj) ENCOURAGING NEW SBIR AND STTR EN-
10 TRANTS.—

11 “(1) OPTIMIZING SBIR AND STTR FUNDING.—A
12 small business concern, including its affiliates, spin-
13 outs, or subsidiaries, may not apply to a Phase I or
14 Phase II solicitation under an SBIR or STTR pro-
15 gram if the small business concern, including its af-
16 filiates, spinouts, or subsidiaries, has previously re-
17 ceived over \$75,000,000 in funding from SBIR or
18 STTR Phase I and Phase II awards.

19 “(2) PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS.—An individual
20 may not concurrently serve as the primary investi-
21 gator on more than 1 proposal to a single Phase I
22 solicitation or a single Phase II solicitation.

23 “(3) PHASE I SIZE STANDARD.—A small busi-
24 ness concern applying for a Phase I award may not
25 have annual receipts (as defined in section 121.104

1 of title 13, Code of Federal Regulations, or any suc-
2 cessor regulation) of more than \$40,000,000 for the
3 most recent fiscal year.”.

4 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
5 9(tt)(1)(A) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
6 638(tt)(1)(A)) by striking “, (jj)(6)”.

7 (b) PHASE 1A PROGRAM.—Section 9 of the Small
8 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638), as amended by this Act,
9 is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (e)(4)—

11 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “sub-
12 paragraph (B)” and inserting “subparagraph
13 (C)”;

14 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)
15 and (C) as subparagraphs (C) and (D); and

16 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (A),
17 the following:

18 “(B) a 1A phase for the same purposes as
19 the first phase described under subparagraph
20 (A) and intended to increase accessibility to the
21 program for new entrants, with proposals sub-
22 mitted pursuant to only SBIR open topic an-
23 nouncements;”; and

24 (2) by amending subsection (pp) to read as fol-
25 lows:

1 “(pp) PHASE 1A AWARDS.—

2 “(1) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
3 Congress that—

4 “(A) Phase 1A funds will bring thousands
5 of new small business concerns committed to
6 commercialization of critical technologies into
7 the SBIR program; and

8 “(B) in order for participating agencies to
9 benefit from the full scope of American innova-
10 tion and identify the most promising solutions
11 to scale, Phase 1A awards should fund the
12 strongest technologies in a topic area regardless
13 of—

14 “(i) the location of the small business
15 concern within the United States; or

16 “(ii) the educational background of
17 the principal investigator.

18 “(2) AUTHORIZATION.—The head of each agen-
19 cy with an SBIR program shall allocate not less
20 than 2.5 percent of funding for the SBIR program
21 of the agency to Phase 1A awards.

22 “(3) SOLICITATION.—A solicitation issued
23 under this subsection shall be conducted as an open
24 topic announcement, as defined in subsection (e).

1 “(4) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to be eligible for
2 an award under this subsection, a small business
3 concern, including its affiliates, spinouts, or subsidi-
4 aries, shall not have previously received an SBIR or
5 STTR award.

6 “(5) PROPOSAL.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A proposal submitted
8 in response to a solicitation under this sub-
9 section shall consist of a report of no more than
10 2 pages in length and shall contain the criteria
11 described in subparagraph (B).

12 “(B) CRITERIA.—

13 “(i) IDENTIFICATION OF PROBLEM.—
14 The small business concern shall describe
15 the problem that the proposal is intended
16 to address for the awarding agency and
17 any commercial customer.

18 “(ii) DESCRIPTION OF SOLUTION.—
19 The small business concern shall describe
20 the proposed solution, including the tech-
21 nical basis for the solution to demonstrate
22 how the solution would address the prob-
23 lem described in the proposal, including
24 the level of maturity of the solution at the
25 time of the proposal.

1 “(iii) IMPACT OF THE SOLUTION.—

2 The small business concern shall describe
3 how adoption of the proposed solution
4 would produce potential time savings, cost
5 savings, risk reduction, improvement of
6 mission outcomes, or any other beneficial
7 impact for the awarding agency and any
8 commercial customer.

9 “(iv) DIFFERENTIATION.—The small
10 business concern shall—

11 “(I) identify the state of solu-
12 tions in use at the time of the pro-
13 posal to address the problem de-
14 scribed in the proposal; and

15 “(II) explain how the proposed
16 solution is a unique and novel solu-
17 tion.

18 “(v) COMMERCIALIZATION STRAT-
19 EGY.—The small business concern shall—

20 “(I) describe how the small busi-
21 ness concern intends to fund the pro-
22 posed solution; and

23 “(II) explain the market for the
24 proposed solution, including the in-

1 tended Government and commercial
2 end users.

3 “(6) AWARD LIMITS.—

4 “(A) NUMBER OF AWARDS.—A small busi-
5 ness concern or principal investigator is eligible
6 for not more than 1 Phase 1A award.

7 “(B) AMOUNT.—An award made under
8 this subsection shall be for not more than
9 \$40,000.

10 “(7) NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION OR NON-SE-
11 LECTION.—Each agency shall notify each small busi-
12 ness concern of the award decision of the agency on
13 any proposal submitted by the small business con-
14 cern not later than 90 days after the date on which
15 the solicitation closes.

16 “(8) APPLICATION FOR PHASE II AWARD.—

17 “(A) ELIGIBILITY.—A small business con-
18 cern that receives a Phase 1A award shall be el-
19 igible to apply for a Phase II award.

20 “(B) USE OF FUNDS.—A small business
21 concern may use funds from a Phase 1A award
22 to develop a proposed solution in pursuit of a
23 subsequent proposal for a Phase I award or a
24 Phase II award.”.

1 **SEC. 202. COMBATING DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES IN**
2 **THE SBIR AND STTR PROGRAMS.**

3 Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638),
4 as amended by this Act, is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b)(7)(C), by striking “owned
6 and controlled by women or by socially and economi-
7 cally disadvantaged individuals” and inserting
8 “owned by individuals who reside in emerging States
9 or rural areas”;

10 (2) in subsection (e)—

11 (A) in paragraph (18), by striking “and”
12 at the end;

13 (B) in paragraph (19), by striking the pe-
14 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

15 (C) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(20) the term ‘emerging State’ means the 25
17 States with the fewest combined number of award
18 recipients in the SBIR program and the STTR pro-
19 gram that have received their first Phase I award in
20 the previous 10 fiscal years;

21 “(21) the term ‘rural area’ means a county or
22 other political subdivision of a State that the Bureau
23 of the Census has defined as mostly rural or com-
24 pletely rural in the most recent decennial census;”;

25 (3) in subsection (g)(8)(A)—

26 (A) by striking clause (iii);

1 (B) by redesignating clauses (iv), (v), and
2 (vi) as clauses (iii), (iv), and (v), respectively;
3 and

4 (C) in clause (iii), as so redesignated, by
5 striking “a socially or economically disadvan-
6 taged individual or has a socially or economi-
7 cally disadvantaged individual” and inserting
8 “an individual who resides in an emerging State
9 or rural area or has an individual who resides
10 in an emerging State or rural area”;

11 (4) in subsection (j)—

12 (A) by adjusting the margins for para-
13 graphs (2) and (3) 2 ems to the left; and

14 (B) in paragraph (2)—

15 (i) by striking subparagraph (F’);

16 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs
17 (G), (H), and (I) as subparagraphs (F’),
18 (G), and (H); and

19 (iii) in subparagraph (H), as so redesi-
20 gnated, by striking “subparagraph (H)”
21 and inserting “subparagraph (G)”;

22 (5) in subsection (k)(1)(F)—

23 (A) by striking clause (ii);

1 (B) by redesignating clauses (iii), (iv), and
2 (v) as clauses (ii), (iii), and (iv), respectively;
3 and

4 (C) in clause (ii), as so redesignated, by
5 striking “a socially or economically disadvan-
6 taged individual or has a socially or economi-
7 cally disadvantaged individual” and inserting
8 “an individual who resides in an emerging State
9 or rural area or has an individual who resides
10 in an emerging State or rural area”;

11 (6) in subsection (o)(9)(A)—

12 (A) by striking clause (iii);

13 (B) by redesignating clauses (iv), (v), and
14 (vi) as clauses (iii), (iv), and (v), respectively;
15 and

16 (C) in clause (iii), as so redesignated, by
17 striking “a socially or economically disadvan-
18 taged individual or has a socially or economi-
19 cally disadvantaged individual” and inserting
20 “an individual who resides in an emerging State
21 or rural area or has an individual who resides
22 in an emerging State or rural area”; and

23 (7) in subsection (mm)—

24 (A) in paragraph (1)—

1 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
2 graph (A), by striking “and until Sep-
3 tember 30, 2025”; and

4 (ii) in subparagraph (F), by striking
5 “or abuse to ensure compliance” and in-
6 serting “abuse, or adversarial influence to
7 ensure compliance”;

8 (B) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “to
9 carry out the policy directive required under
10 subsection (j)(2)(F) and” and inserting “to in-
11 crease the participation of States with respect
12 to which a low level of SBIR awards have his-
13 torically been awarded”; and

14 (C) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(7) ELIGIBILITY.—For an agency to be eligi-
16 ble to utilize funds allocated to the SBIR program
17 of that Federal agency under this subsection, the
18 agency shall not—

19 “(A) consider the race, gender, or ethnicity
20 of the principal investigator, founder, or key
21 personnel of the small business concern apply-
22 ing for an SBIR or STTR award in an award
23 decision under the SBIR or STTR program of
24 the agency;

1 “(B) require or consider a statement or
2 plan to promote diversity or equity as part of
3 an application for an SBIR or STTR award
4 under the SBIR or STTR program of the agen-
5 cy; or

6 “(C) offer supplemental funds to a recipi-
7 ent of an SBIR or STTR award based on the
8 race, gender, or ethnicity of the principal inves-
9 tigator, founder, or key personnel of a small
10 business concern.”.

11 **TITLE III—STREAMLINING PAR-**
12 **TICIPATION IN THE SBIR AND**
13 **STTR PROGRAMS**

14 **SEC. 301. DEFINITION OF OPEN TOPICS.**

15 Section 9(e) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
16 638(e)), as amended by section 202(2), is amended by
17 adding at the end the following:

18 “(22) the term ‘open topic announcement’
19 means a solicitation for SBIR or STTR proposals
20 that—

21 “(A) is a generalized problem statement or
22 broad technology area and does not contain any
23 language requiring that the solutions that a
24 small business concern proposes adhere to spe-
25 cific technological specifications; and

1 “(B) evaluates the ability of the solution
2 proposed by the small business concern to meet
3 the stated innovation need of the agency or
4 Government end user; and”.

5 **SEC. 302. REDUCING ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN.**

6 Section 9(jj) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
7 638(jj)), as amended by section 201(a)(1), is amended by
8 adding at the end the following:

9 “(4) REDUCING ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN.—

10 “(A) LIMIT ON SUBMISSIONS TO A SOLICI-
11 TATION.—A small business concern, including
12 its affiliates, spinouts, or subsidiaries, may not
13 submit more than 3 proposals to a single Phase
14 I solicitation or a single Phase II solicitation
15 under subsection (cc).

16 “(B) LIMIT ON SUBMISSIONS IN A SINGLE
17 YEAR.—A small business concern, including its
18 affiliates, spinouts, or subsidiaries, may not
19 submit more than a combined total of 25 pro-
20 posals to Phase I solicitations or Phase II so-
21 licitations under subsection (cc) published by a
22 single agency, including the components of the
23 agency, in a single fiscal year.”.

1 **TITLE IV—PROTECTING AMER-**
2 **ICAN INNOVATION FROM AD-**
3 **VERSARIAL INFLUENCE**

4 **SEC. 401. DEFINITION OF FOREIGN RISK.**

5 Section 9(e) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
6 638(e)), as amended by section 301, is amended by adding
7 at the end the following:

8 “(23) the term ‘foreign risk’ means, in the past
9 10 years, any foreign affiliation, technology licensing
10 agreement, joint venture, contractual or financial ob-
11 ligation (pending or otherwise), investment agree-
12 ment, research relationship (including co-author-
13 ship), or business relationship between—

14 “(A) a small business concern (including
15 all subsidiaries, spinouts, and affiliates) submit-
16 ting a proposal for an SBIR or STTR program,
17 and covered individuals, owners, or other key
18 personnel of the small business concern; and

19 “(B) an individual, research institution,
20 business entity, government, or government-
21 owned entity in a foreign country of concern
22 that is disclosed, as required under subsection
23 (g) or subsection (o), or otherwise identified in
24 the due diligence process, as required under
25 subsection (vv).”.

1 **SEC. 402. BOLSTERING RESEARCH SECURITY OF SBIR AND**
2 **STTR AWARDS.**

3 Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638),
4 as amended by this Act, is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (g)—

6 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (15),
7 (16), and (17) as paragraphs (16), (18) and
8 (19), respectively;

9 (B) by inserting after paragraph (14) the
10 following:

11 “(15) evaluate whether a small business con-
12 cern presents a risk to national security for any rea-
13 son, through measures including—

14 “(A) the due diligence process required
15 under subsection (vv);

16 “(B) disclosures submitted under this sub-
17 section; or

18 “(C) coordination with the Inspector Gen-
19 eral of the agency or the intelligence community
20 (as defined under section 3 of the National Se-
21 curity Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003));”;

22 (C) in paragraph (16), as so redesign-
23 nated—

24 (i) by striking subparagraph (B);

25 (ii) by striking “that—” and all that
26 follows through “the small business con-

1 cern submitting” and inserting “that the
2 small business concern submitting”;

3 (iii) by redesignating clauses (i), (ii),
4 and (iii) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and
5 (C), respectively, and adjusting the mar-
6 gins accordingly;

7 (iv) in subparagraph (B), as so redes-
8 ignated, by striking “or” at the end;

9 (v) in subparagraph (C), as so redes-
10 ignated, by striking “and” at the end; and

11 (vi) by adding at the end the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(D) has a foreign risk connecting the
14 small business concern to an entity, including
15 any affiliates, spinouts, or subsidiaries of the
16 entity, or individual on one or more of the fol-
17 lowing lists:

18 “(i) the UFLPA Entity List main-
19 tained by the Department of Homeland Se-
20 curity;

21 “(ii) the Non-SDN Chinese Military-
22 Industrial Complex Companies List of the
23 Office of Foreign Assets Control main-
24 tained by the Department of the Treasury;

1 “(iii) the Section 889 Prohibition List
2 established under section 889 of the John
3 S. McCain National Defense Authorization
4 Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law
5 115–232) and maintained by the Depart-
6 ment of Defense;

7 “(iv) the list of Chinese Military com-
8 panies required under section 1260H of
9 the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National
10 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
11 2021 (Public Law 116–283) and main-
12 tained by the Department of Defense;

13 “(v) the Military End User List main-
14 tained by the Bureau of Industry and Se-
15 curity of the Department of Commerce;

16 “(vi) the Entity List maintained by
17 the Bureau of Industry and Security of the
18 Department of Commerce;

19 “(vii) the List of Equipment and
20 Services maintained by the Federal Com-
21 munications Commission; and

22 “(viii) the Withhold Release Orders
23 and Findings List maintained by U.S.
24 Customs and Border Protection;

1 “(E) has a foreign risk with a primary
2 source that is classified; or

3 “(F) has a foreign risk or another national
4 security risk not listed in statute or regulatory
5 guidance that an agency determines warrants a
6 denial;”;

7 (D) by inserting after paragraph (16), as
8 so redesignated, the following:

9 “(17) not, and any personnel of the Federal
10 agency including technical points of contact shall
11 not, communicate to an applicant prior to formal no-
12 tification of an award decision that an application
13 was denied due to a foreign risk;” and

14 (E) in paragraph (19), as so redesign-
15 ated—

16 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking
17 “(16)(A)” and inserting “(18)(A)”;

18 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
19 “(16)(B)” and inserting “(18)(B)”;

20 (2) in subsection (o)—

21 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (19),
22 (20), and (21) as paragraphs (20), (22) and
23 (23), respectively;

24 (B) by inserting after paragraph (18) the
25 following:

1 (v) in subparagraph (C), as so reded-
2 ignated, by striking “and” at the end; and

3 (vi) by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(D) has a foreign risk connecting the
6 small business concern to an entity, including
7 any affiliates, spinouts, or subsidiaries of the
8 entity, or individual on one or more of the fol-
9 lowing lists:

10 “(i) the UFLPA Entity List main-
11 tained by the Department of Homeland Se-
12 curity;

13 “(ii) the Non-SDN Chinese Military-
14 Industrial Complex Companies List of the
15 Office of Foreign Assets Control main-
16 tained by the Department of the Treasury;

17 “(iii) the Section 889 Prohibition List
18 established under section 889 of the John
19 S. McCain National Defense Authorization
20 Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law
21 115–232) and maintained by the Depart-
22 ment of Defense;

23 “(iv) the list of Chinese Military com-
24 panies required under section 1260H of
25 the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National

1 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
2 2021 (Public Law 116–283) and main-
3 tained by the Department of Defense;

4 “(v) the Military End User List main-
5 tained by the Bureau of Industry and Se-
6 curity of the Department of Commerce;

7 “(vi) the Entity List maintained by
8 the Bureau of Industry and Security of the
9 Department of Commerce;

10 “(vii) the List of Equipment and
11 Services maintained by the Federal Com-
12 munications Commission; and

13 “(viii) the Withhold Release Orders
14 and Findings List maintained by U.S.
15 Customs and Border Protection;

16 “(E) has a foreign risk with a primary
17 source that is classified; or

18 “(F) has a foreign risk or another national
19 security risk not listed in statute or regulatory
20 guidance that an agency determines warrants a
21 denial;”;

22 (D) by inserting after paragraph (20) the
23 following:

24 “(21) not, and any personnel of the Federal
25 agency including technical points of contact shall

1 not, communicate to an applicant prior to formal no-
2 tification of an award decision that an application
3 was denied due to a foreign risk;” and

4 (E) in paragraph (23), as so redesign-
5 nated—

6 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking
7 “(20)(A)” and inserting “(22)(A)”; and

8 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
9 “(20)(B)” and inserting “(22)(B)”.

10 **SEC. 403. STRENGTHENING THE DUE DILIGENCE PROGRAM**
11 **TO ASSESS SECURITY RISKS.**

12 Section 9(vv)(2) of the Small Business Act (15
13 U.S.C. 638(vv)(2)) is amended—

14 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period
15 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(C) examine any relationship of a small
18 business concern seeking an award to any entity
19 or individual included on the lists, as published
20 on the date of the closing of the solicitation, de-
21 scribed under subsections (g)(16)(D) and
22 (o)(20)(D).”.

1 **SEC. 404. STRENGTHENING AGENCY RECOVERY AUTHOR-**
2 **ITY.**

3 Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638),
4 as amended by this Act, is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (g)(18), as redesignated by
6 section 402—

7 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
8 (A), by inserting “, as adjusted for inflation ac-
9 cording to the Consumer Price Index published
10 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics,” after
11 “amounts”;

12 (B) in subparagraph (A)—

13 (i) by inserting “during the 10-year
14 period beginning on the date of the award,
15 or during a longer or indefinite period as
16 determined by the head of the awarding
17 agency as necessary for national security,”
18 before “the small business concern”; and

19 (ii) by striking “or” at the end;

20 (C) in subparagraph (B)—

21 (i) by inserting “during the 10-year
22 period beginning on the date of the award,
23 or during a longer or indefinite period as
24 determined by the head of the awarding
25 agency as necessary for national security,”
26 before “there is a change”; and

1 (ii) by striking “and” at the end; and

2 (D) by adding at the end the following:

3 “(C) during the 5-year period beginning on
4 the date of the award, or during a longer or in-
5 definite period as determined by the head of the
6 awarding agency as necessary for national secu-
7 rity, the small business concern sells, leases, or
8 provides (through joint research, technological
9 licensing, or otherwise) intellectual property
10 that was developed, wholly or in part, using an
11 SBIR award to a foreign entity or individual
12 unless the foreign entity or individual is incor-
13 porated in or a citizen of a country that is a
14 member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
15 tion or a major non-NATO ally, as described
16 under section 2321k of title 22, United States
17 Code; or

18 “(D) during the 10-year period beginning
19 on the date of the award, or during a longer or
20 indefinite period as determined by the head of
21 the awarding agency as necessary for national
22 security, the small business concern sells,
23 leases, or provides (through joint research, tech-
24 nological licensing, or otherwise) intellectual
25 property that was developed, wholly or in part,

1 using an SBIR award to an entity, government,
2 or individual in a foreign country of concern;
3 and”; and

4 (2) in subsection (o)(22), as redesignated by
5 section 402—

6 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
7 (A), by inserting “, as adjusted for inflation ac-
8 cording to the Consumer Price Index published
9 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics,” after
10 “amounts”;

11 (B) in subparagraph (A)—

12 (i) by inserting “during the 10-year
13 period beginning on the date of the award,
14 or during a longer or indefinite period as
15 determined by the head of the awarding
16 agency as necessary for national security,”
17 before “the small business concern”; and

18 (ii) by striking “or” at the end;

19 (C) in subparagraph (B)—

20 (i) by inserting “during the 10-year
21 period beginning on the date of the award,
22 or during a longer or indefinite period as
23 determined by the head of the awarding
24 agency as necessary for national security,”
25 before “there is a change”; and

1 (ii) by striking “and” at the end; and

2 (D) by adding at the end the following:

3 “(C) during the 5 year period beginning on
4 the date of the award, or during a longer or in-
5 definite period as determined by the head of the
6 awarding agency as necessary for national secu-
7 rity, the small business concern sells, leases, or
8 provides (through joint research, technological
9 licensing, or otherwise) intellectual property
10 that was developed, wholly or in part, using an
11 STTR award to a foreign entity or individual
12 unless the foreign entity or individual is incor-
13 porated in or a citizen of a country that is a
14 member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
15 tion or a major non-NATO ally, as described
16 under section 2321k of title 22, United States
17 Code; or

18 “(D) during the 10-year period beginning
19 on the date of the award, or during a longer or
20 indefinite period as determined by the head of
21 the awarding agency as necessary for national
22 security, the small business concern sells,
23 leases, or provides (through joint research, tech-
24 nological licensing, or otherwise) intellectual
25 property that was developed, wholly or in part,

1 using an STTR award to an entity, govern-
2 ment, or individual in a foreign country of con-
3 cern; and”.

4 **SEC. 405. BEST PRACTICES ON INVESTOR INFORMATIONAL**
5 **RIGHTS.**

6 Section 9(uu) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
7 638(uu)) is amended to read as follows:

8 “(uu) BEST PRACTICES ON INVESTOR INFORMA-
9 TIONAL RIGHTS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator, in co-
11 ordination with the heads of all agencies with an
12 SBIR program, the Director of the White House Of-
13 fice of Science and Technology Policy, and the Com-
14 mittee on Foreign Investment in the United States,
15 shall develop best practices to be shared with each
16 recipient of an SBIR or STTR award by the agency
17 granting the award.

18 “(2) CONTENTS.—The best practices developed
19 under paragraph (1) shall include recommendations
20 for protecting the proprietary technology and intel-
21 lectual property of the small business concern from
22 being shared unintentionally to foreign individuals
23 and entities through informational rights of limited
24 partners in venture capital, hedge fund, or private

1 equity firms that have investments in SBIR or
2 STTR recipients.”.

3 **SEC. 406. GAO REPORT.**

4 Paragraph (4) of section 4(b) of the SBIR and STTR
5 Extension Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–183; 136 Stat.
6 2194) is amended to read as follows:

7 “(4) GAO REPORT.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year
9 after the date of enactment of the INNOVATE
10 Act, and annually thereafter for 3 years, the
11 Comptroller General of the United States shall
12 conduct a study and submit to the Committee
13 on Small Business and Entrepreneurship and
14 the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate
15 and the Committee on Small Business, the
16 Committee on Armed Services, and the Com-
17 mittee on Science, Space, and Technology of
18 the House of Representatives a report on the
19 implementation and best practices of the due
20 diligence programs established under section
21 9(vv) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
22 638(vv)) across Federal agencies required to es-
23 tablish an SBIR or STTR program.

24 “(B) STUDY.—The study shall evaluate—

1 “(i) the effectiveness of each Federal
2 agency that participates in the SBIR pro-
3 gram or STTR program in identifying—

4 “(I) enhanced risk in cybersecu-
5 rity practices in SBIR and STTR
6 projects;

7 “(II) enhanced risk in patents,
8 including co-authorship with aca-
9 demics in foreign countries of concern
10 in SBIR and STTR projects;

11 “(III) enhanced foreign influence
12 risk among employees of small busi-
13 ness concerns involved in SBIR and
14 STTR projects;

15 “(IV) foreign ownership of a
16 small business concern seeking an
17 award, including the financial ties and
18 obligations (which shall include sur-
19 ety, equity, and debt obligations) in
20 SBIR and STTR projects; and

21 “(V) security risks among appli-
22 cants to the SBIR program or the
23 STTR program, including connections
24 to an entity, including any affiliates,
25 spinouts, or subsidiaries of the entity,

1 or individual on one or more of the
2 lists referenced in subsection
3 (g)(16)(D);

4 “(ii) by year, the number of proposals
5 and number of small business concerns
6 with foreign risks by each Federal agency
7 that participates in the SBIR program or
8 STTR program, including a delineation of
9 how many of those small business concerns
10 have previously received an award under
11 the SBIR program or STTR program and
12 the nature of those foreign risks made by
13 each Federal agency; and

14 “(iii) the extent to which the Inspec-
15 tor General and counterintelligence au-
16 thorities of each Federal agency that par-
17 ticipates in the SBIR or STTR program
18 effectively conducts investigations, audits,
19 inspections, and outreach relating to the
20 due diligence program to assess security
21 risks in the SBIR or STTR program.”.

1 **TITLE V—SIMPLIFYING SBIR-**
2 **STTR COMMERCIALIZATION**
3 **STANDARDS**

4 **SEC. 501. STREAMLINING TRANSITION AND COMMER-**
5 **CIALIZATION RATE BENCHMARKS.**

6 Section 9(qq) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
7 638(qq)) is amended—

8 (1) by amending paragraph (1)(A)(ii) to read
9 as follows:

10 “(ii) for small business concerns that
11 received or receive more than 10 Phase I
12 awards, establish a minimum performance
13 standard with respect to the receipt of
14 Phase II awards that shall be a ratio of at
15 least 0.25 for the number of Phase II
16 awards received as compared to the num-
17 ber of Phase I awards received; and”;

18 (2) in paragraph (3)—

19 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
20 clauses (i) and (ii) and inserting the following:

21 “(i) IN GENERAL.—With respect to a
22 small business concern that received or re-
23 ceives more than 25 Phase I awards, the
24 minimum performance standard shall be a
25 ratio of at least 0.5 for the number of

1 Phase II awards received as compared to
2 the number of Phase I awards received.

3 “(ii) CONSEQUENCE OF FAILURE TO
4 MEET STANDARD.—If the head of a Fed-
5 eral agency determines that a small busi-
6 ness concern is not meeting the applicable
7 increased minimum performance standard
8 established under clause (i), such small
9 business concern may not participate in
10 Phase I of the SBIR or STTR program of
11 that agency during the 1-year period be-
12 ginning on the date on which such deter-
13 mination is made and the small business
14 concern may not receive more than 5 total
15 Phase I awards from that agency during
16 each 1-year period thereafter until the
17 small business concern surpasses the min-
18 imum performance standard established
19 under clause (i).”; and

20 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

21 (i) in clause (i), by striking subclauses
22 (I) and (II) and inserting the following:

23 “(I) with respect to a small busi-
24 ness concern, including its affiliates,
25 spinouts, and subsidiaries, that has

1 received more than 25 Phase II
2 awards over its lifetime, require the
3 sum of the annual receipts (as defined
4 in section 121.104 of title 13, Code of
5 Federal Regulations, or any successor
6 regulation) of the small business con-
7 cern from sources other than Phase I
8 or Phase II SBIR or STTR awards
9 and investments received by the small
10 business concern to at minimum ex-
11 ceed the sum of the dollars awarded
12 through Phase I and Phase II awards
13 since the date of the first such award;
14 and

15 “(II) with respect to a small
16 business concern, including its affili-
17 ates, spinouts, and subsidiaries, that
18 receives more than 25 Phase II
19 awards over its lifetime, require a
20 minimum of 65 percent of the sum of
21 the annual receipts (as defined in sec-
22 tion 121.104 of title 13, Code of Fed-
23 eral Regulations, or any successor
24 regulation) of the small business con-
25 cern and investments received by the

1 small business concern during the 3
2 years preceding the most recent fiscal
3 year come from sources other than
4 Phase I or Phase II SBIR or STTR
5 awards.”; and

6 (ii) by amending clause (ii) to read as
7 follows:

8 “(ii) CONSEQUENCE OF FAILURE TO
9 MEET STANDARD.—If the head of a Fed-
10 eral agency determines that a small busi-
11 ness concern is not meeting an applicable
12 increased minimum performance standard
13 modified under clause (i), the small busi-
14 ness concern may not apply for additional
15 Phase I awards or Phase II awards until
16 the small business concern has received
17 enough annual receipts from sources other
18 than an SBIR or STTR program to sur-
19 pass the minimum performance standard
20 established under clause (i).”.

21 **SEC. 502. IMPROVING DIRECT TO PHASE II AUTHORITIES.**

22 Section 9(cc) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
23 638(cc)) is amended to read as follows:

24 “(cc) PHASE FLEXIBILITY.—

1 “(1) AWARDING A PHASE II AWARD ABSENT A
2 PHASE I AWARD.—Each agency with an SBIR pro-
3 gram may provide to a small business concern an
4 award under Phase II of the SBIR program with re-
5 spect to a project, without regard to whether the
6 small business concern was provided an award under
7 Phase I of an SBIR program with respect to such
8 project, if the head of the agency determines that
9 the small business concern has completed the deter-
10 minations described in subsection (e)(4)(A) with re-
11 spect to such project despite not having been pro-
12 vided a Phase I award.

13 “(2) LIMITATIONS ON AWARDS.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
15 subparagraph (B), the head of each agency with
16 an SBIR program may award not more than 10
17 percent of the funds allocated for the SBIR
18 program of the agency in a given fiscal year
19 under the authority of this subsection.

20 “(B) NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
21 AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—The Director
22 of the National Institutes of Health may award
23 not more than 30 percent of the funds allocated
24 for the SBIR program of the National Insti-
25 tutes of Health in a given fiscal year and the

1 Secretary of Defense may award not more than
2 30 percent of the funds allocated for the SBIR
3 program of each component in the Department
4 of Defense in a given fiscal year under the au-
5 thority of this subsection.

6 “(C) LIMIT ON ELIGIBILITY FOR
7 AWARDS.—An agency may not make an award
8 under this subsection to a small business con-
9 cern, including its affiliates, spinouts, and sub-
10 sidiaries, that has received more than 25 Phase
11 II awards.

12 “(D) LIMIT ON NUMBER OF AWARDS.—An
13 agency may make not more than 25 awards
14 under this subsection to a small business con-
15 cern, including its affiliates, spinouts, and sub-
16 sidiaries.”.

17 **SEC. 503. IMPROVING SBIR-STTR DATA COLLECTION.**

18 (a) ADDITIONAL DATA FIELDS IN SBIR DATA-
19 BASE.—Section 9(k)(1) of the Small Business Act (15
20 U.S.C. 638(k)(1)) is amended—

21 (1) in subparagraph (E)(iv), by striking “and”
22 at the end;

23 (2) in subparagraph (F)(v), by striking the pe-
24 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

25 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(G) for each award granted, whether the
2 award is classified or designated as—

3 “(i) Phase 1A, under subsection (pp);

4 “(ii) direct to Phase II, under sub-
5 section (cc);

6 “(iii) subsequent Phase II, under sub-
7 section (bb)(1);

8 “(iv) strategic breakthrough award
9 under subsection (ff)(3);

10 “(v) Phase III prime contract award;

11 or

12 “(vi) Phase III subcontract award.”.

13 (b) IMPROVING FPDS DATA TRACKING.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of Gen-
15 eral Services shall update the Federal Procurement
16 Data System described in section 1122(a)(4) of title
17 41, United States Code, or any successor system,
18 to—

19 (A) require reporting on whether an award
20 under the SBIR or STTR program is classified
21 or designated as—

22 (i) Phase 1A, under subsection (pp) of
23 section 9 of the Small Business Act (15
24 U.S.C. 638), as amended by this Act;

1 (ii) direct to Phase II, under sub-
2 section (cc) of such section;

3 (iii) subsequent Phase II, under sub-
4 section (bb)(1) of such section;

5 (iv) a strategic breakthrough award
6 under subsection (ff)(3) of such section;

7 (v) a Phase III prime contract award;

8 or

9 (vi) a Phase III subcontract award;

10 (B) require reporting on whether a con-
11 tract is designated as a Phase III contract; and

12 (C) allow a Government contracting offi-
13 cer, when recording a Phase II or Phase III
14 contract following on from work done by a
15 small business concern during a Phase I or
16 Phase II award to reference an SBIR or STTR
17 contract identification number for relevant prior
18 SBIR or STTR work done.

19 (2) NO NEW FUNDS.—No additional funds are
20 authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of car-
21 rying out this subsection.

22 **SEC. 504. STREAMLINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.**

23 Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638),
24 as amended by this Act, is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (bb)(3), by inserting “or an-
2 other component of the same Federal agency” after
3 “another Federal agency”;

4 (2) in subsection (gg)—

5 (A) in the heading, by striking “PILOT
6 PROGRAM” and inserting “COMMERCIALIZA-
7 TION READINESS PROGRAM”;

8 (B) by striking “pilot” each place the term
9 appears;

10 (C) by striking paragraph (7);

11 (D) by redesignating paragraph (8) as
12 paragraph (7); and

13 (E) by amending paragraph (7), as so re-
14 designated, to read as follows:

15 “(7) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
16 ‘covered Federal agency’—

17 “(A) means a Federal agency participating
18 in the SBIR program or the STTR program;
19 and

20 “(B) does not include the Department of
21 Defense.”;

22 (3) in subsection (hh)—

23 (A) by striking “FUNDING.—” and all that
24 follows through “Federal agencies partici-

1 pating” and inserting “FUNDING.—Federal
2 agencies participating”; and

3 (B) by striking paragraph (2);

4 (4) in subsection (ii)(2)(B)—

5 (A) in clause (ii), by adding “and” at the
6 end;

7 (B) in clause (iii), by striking “; and” and
8 inserting a period; and

9 (C) by striking clause (iv);

10 (5) in subsection (qq)(3), by striking subpara-
11 graph (I);

12 (6) in subsection (vv)(3), by striking subpara-
13 graph (C);

14 (7) by redesignating subsection (yy) as sub-
15 section (xx);

16 (8) in subsection (xx), as so redesignated—

17 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
18 “PILOT”;

19 (B) by striking “STTR PROGRAM.—” and
20 all that follows through “Not later than” and
21 inserting “STTR PROGRAM.—Not later than”;

22 (C) by striking paragraph (2); and

23 (D) by striking “pilot”;

24 (9) by redesignating subsection (zz) as sub-
25 section (yy); and

- 1 (10) in subsection (yy), as so redesignated—
- 2 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
- 3 “PILOT”;
- 4 (B) in paragraph (1)—
- 5 (i) in the paragraph heading, by strik-
- 6 ing “PILOT” and inserting “PROGRAM”;
- 7 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
- 8 “3.25” and inserting “3.50”; and
- 9 (iii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
- 10 “0.46” and inserting “0.21”;
- 11 (C) by striking paragraph (3); and
- 12 (D) by striking “pilot” each place the term
- 13 appears.

14 **SEC. 505. EXTENDING SBIR AND STTR AUTHORIZATION.**

- 15 Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638),
- 16 as amended by this Act, is amended—
- 17 (1) in subsection (m), by striking “2025” and
- 18 inserting “2028”; and
- 19 (2) in subsection (n)(1)(A), by striking “2025”
- 20 and inserting “2028”.