February 1, 2017

The Honorable Jim Risch
Chairman
Committee on Small Business and
Entrepreneurship
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Steve Chabot
Chairman
Committee on Small Business
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Lamar Smith
Chairman
Committee on Science, Space, and
Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Nydia Velazquez
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
Ranking Member
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U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members:

In accordance with Section 5143(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012\(^1\), I am pleased to forward this report for the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General, regarding our efforts to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse in the Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) and Technology Transfer (STTR) programs. As the Act requires, our report includes:

- the number of cases referred to the IG concerning SBIR/STTR fraud, waste, and abuse (FWA);
- actions taken in each case if FWA was found to have occurred;
- a justification when action is not taken; and
- an accounting of funds used to address FWA, including a description of personnel and resources funded and funds that were recovered or saved.

\(^1\) P.L. 112-81, December 31, 2011
For fiscal year 2016, we did not conduct or close any investigations related to SBIR/STTR fraud.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at (202) 366-1959 or Nathan Richmond, Director and Counsel for Congressional and External Affairs, at (202) 493-0422.

Sincerely,

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Inspector General