June 14, 2022

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

The Honorable Nydia Velazquez
Chairwoman
Committee on Small Business
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
Chairwoman
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rand Paul
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Blaine Luetkemeyer
Ranking Member
Committee on Small Business
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The Honorable Frank Lucas
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairpersons and Ranking Members:

In accordance with Section 5143(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012, 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 Inspector General 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.

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In fiscal year 2021, we opened zero and closed zero investigations related to SBIR/STTR fraud. We had one investigation that resulted in a $500,000 civil settlement agreement and a 2-year suspension from Federal contracting and financial assistance.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 366-1959 or Nathan Richmond, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Government and Public Affairs, at (202) 366-8751.

Sincerely,

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Inspector General