

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2763**  
**OFFERED BY MR. TONKO OF NEW YORK**

At the end of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_.** **SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE VALUE OF THE**  
2 **SBIR AND STTR PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) Numerous reviews by the National Acad-  
5 emies have found that the SBIR and STTR pro-  
6 grams are achieving their objectives of stimulating  
7 technological innovation, increasing small business  
8 participation in the Federal R&D enterprise, and in-  
9 creasing the commercialization of federally funded  
10 research and development.

11 (2) National Academies surveys of SBIR and  
12 STTR Phase II awardees over a 10-year period  
13 found that 27 percent of sales from technologies  
14 funded by the National Institutes of Health and 36  
15 percent of sales from National Science Foundation  
16 technologies generated more than \$1 million in rev-  
17 enue.

18 (3) A third-party assessment of the U.S. Air  
19 Force SBIR and STTR Program from 2000 through  
20 2013 found that Phase II contracts generated out-

1 side follow-on investment of \$1.9 billion, and sales of  
2 new products and services totaling \$14.7 billion.  
3 Further, the study found that these contracts cre-  
4 ated an average of more than 16,000 new full-time  
5 jobs per year and resulted in \$47.9 billion economic  
6 output nationwide.

7 (4) Seventy-five percent of respondents to a  
8 2015 National Academies survey of National Insti-  
9 tutes of Health SBIR and STTR awardees reported  
10 that the projects of such respondents would likely  
11 not, or definitely not, have proceeded without SBIR  
12 or STTR funding.

13 (5) The demand for the SBIR program remains  
14 high. At the National Science Foundation only 17.2  
15 percent of Phase I proposals are funded and at the  
16 National Institutes of Health only 12.6 percent of  
17 Phase I proposals are funded.

18 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the Sense of Con-  
19 gress that, to the extent it does not undermine other re-  
20 search and development programs, Federal agencies  
21 should consider providing additional support for the SBIR  
22 and STTR programs, especially in technology areas that  
23 are a high priority for the Federal agency's mission and  
24 for our nation's economy.

