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The Honorable Sean Stackley
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Dear Assistant Secretary Stackley:

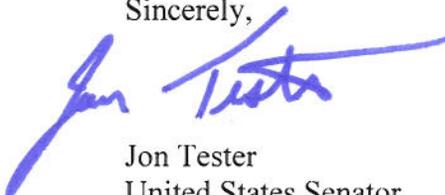
I am writing to applaud the efforts of the Department of Defense's (DoD) Rapid Innovation Program for providing an excellent platform for new technologies developed by small business under the Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) Program. This new technology transfer program represents the needed opportunities for rapid transition of new technologies from the drawing board to the war-fighter on the battlefield.

I would like to call your attention to the technology that has been SBIR developed by S2 Corporation, a Bozeman, Montana company, and its extreme bandwidth radio frequency analyzer and correlator (EBAC). Over the last six years this cutting-edge small business has delivered innovation to the DoD with multiple applications. From DoD awarded contracts and SBIR funding S2 has provided the war-fighter the technology to fully monitor, dominate and control the radio frequency spectrum in real time. They continue to do so today.

I am a staunch advocate for appropriate scrutiny and due diligence when it pertains to defense contracting in today's fiscally constrained environment. At the same time, I believe that small businesses should have more opportunities to fairly compete with large defense contractors when it comes to innovative new technologies. Within this context, I believe that S2 Corporation's candidacy for an award within the Navy's implementation of the Rapid Innovation Program should be fully considered. The S2 EBAC is a novel technology with capabilities that far exceeds those of programs today, meets DoD stated requirements to control the radio frequency spectrum, is fully SBIR developed, and one that should be transitioned to the Navy fleet in the very near term. This order not only represents a significant contribution from such a small Montana business but it will help protect our troops world-wide and is in the interest of our national security. It is my hope that the Navy and the Defense Department can consider this case fully and promptly.

Thank you very much for your consideration with my inquiry and your support for small businesses throughout Montana and the United States. I look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester
United States Senator