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**Coalition of Small Business Innovators Praises Start-up Jobs and Innovation Act
*CSBI Applauds Sens. Toomey, Menendez, Roberts, & Carper***

Washington, D.C. (February 4, 2015) – The Coalition of Small Business Innovators (CSBI) today expresses support for the Start-up Jobs and Innovation Act, which would incentivize investment in emerging, pre-revenue, research-centric businesses and support the search for cutting-edge technologies that help to fuel our nation’s economic health and prosperity. CSBI thanks Senator Pat Toomey (R-PA) and Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) for introducing this vital piece of legislation, and Senators Pat Roberts (R-KS) and Tom Carper (D-DE) for cosponsoring the bill.

The Start-up Jobs and Innovation Act would address the unique obstacles faced by not-yet-profitable research-intensive small businesses. Specifically, the legislation would reform the rules on how investors can enter into partnerships with small, early-stage R&D companies. This change will make it easier for pre-revenue companies engaged in innovative research to attract the investment they need to develop new technologies and bring their products to market – spurring economic growth and job creation in the process.

A recent study conducted by Ernst & Young analyzed the economic impact of enacting the R&D Partnership Structures created by this legislation. Their study found that this proposal would increase investment in small, research-intensive companies by an estimated \$10.3 billion per year and would result in 156,000 additional jobs – an extremely positive impact on our economy and job market. Similarly, allowing longstanding investors in small business innovators to benefit from a reduced capital gains rate will also encourage vital investments and support widespread job creation.

If the United States is to remain competitive on the global stage, Congress must support the pre-revenue small businesses driving America’s 21st century innovation economy. These growth-stage innovators are advancing cutting-edge science, creating breakthrough products, and supporting high-quality jobs. Small business innovators face an uphill climb to raise the capital to fund their groundbreaking R&D – a disturbing trend for those of us who believe in the importance of innovation research.

The Start-up Jobs and Innovation Act is critical to the continued vitality of next generation innovators and is a much-needed step to ensure that America maintains its place as a global leader and we urge other Members of Congress to lend their support to this important measure.

For more information on CSBI, please visit www.smallbusinessinnovators.org.

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The **Coalition of Small Business Innovators** is a national, non-partisan coalition of organizations dedicated to stimulating sustained, private investment in small companies focusing on the development of transformative, life-changing new technologies. With small businesses working to advance research, development, and manufacturing of technologies that have the potential to solve critical economic, environmental, and societal challenges around the world, we seek to educate lawmakers and the public about the value of stimulating investment in these companies. More information about CSBI can be found at smallbusinessinnovators.org or on Twitter ([@SmBizInnovators](https://twitter.com/SmBizInnovators)).

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