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Senator Jerry Moran
Russell Senate Office Building
Room 361A
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Support Position - Startup Act 3.0

Dear Senator Moran:

The National Metropolitan Business Alliance (NMBA), a coalition of regional business associations spanning the country, is proud to endorse Startup Act 3.0.

The 19 organizations that compose the NMBA represent metropolitan areas that together account for more than 35 percent of U.S. GDP. We are committed to advancing public policy that is pro-entrepreneurship and pro-innovation.

Policies that encourage entrepreneurship are critical to the present and future of the U.S. economy. Startups have been the primary drivers of net job growth in the U.S. since at least the 1970s, with new firms adding more than three million jobs annually. Yet as countries like Canada, Chile and New Zealand have put in place new programs to lure entrepreneurs in recent years, America's competitive positioning as a magnet for entrepreneurship has declined: Between 2007 and 2011, the U.S. fell from 4th to 13th in the World Bank's entrepreneurship rankings.

Startup Act 3.0 would strengthen America's innovation ecosystem by addressing three critical pieces of the startup ecosystem – capital, talent and commercialization of research – while also strengthening our regulatory structures to better facilitate startup formation and growth. It would help catalyze new ideas and develop our immigration and higher education systems as engines of job creation, while ensuring that any significant new regulatory costs startups would incur would be subject to rigorous cost/benefit analysis.

In the face of fierce global competition, innovation and entrepreneurship together will be the pillars on which the economic future of America's metropolitan areas is built. Yet it is not something we can take for granted. We look forward to working with you to advance Startup Act 3.0 – and, more broadly, to see that our nation is well positioned to create, commercialize, work hard and thrive in the decades to come.

Sincerely,



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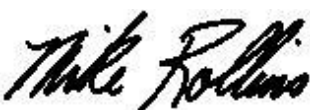
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