

# United States Senate

July 8, 2014

Dear Colleague:

America relies upon our nation's entrepreneurs for innovation, economic growth, and job creation. According to a 2010 Kauffman Foundation report, between 1980 and 2005, companies 5 years or younger create nearly 3 million jobs annually. Moreover, these startup companies were responsible for nearly all net new job creation in the United States.

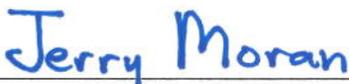
The fastest growing startup companies are no longer just located in Silicon Valley, Boston, or New York. Communities across the nation – from Boulder to Richmond and Philadelphia to Kansas City – are beginning to see the rapid development of high-growth firms. In fact, the states with the highest entrepreneurial density include Montana, Alaska, and South Dakota. Startups across the nation are developing in a variety of industries, including health care, financial services, cybersecurity, and education. These entrepreneurs are using technology to create new and innovative products and services, add value to existing business, and solve some of our greatest challenges.

**One effort to connect Members of Congress to America's new entrepreneurs is *Startup Day Across America*. Last year, over two dozen Members of Congress participated in the inaugural *Startup Day Across America* to learn more about the young companies in their districts and states. On August 5, 2014, startups across the country will host lawmakers and staff at their companies.**

We encourage you to visit at least one startup company in your state on August 5 or at another point during the August work period. Your visit will raise awareness of startup activity and job creation and help catalyze support for your local entrepreneurial community. It will also allow you to discuss the importance of entrepreneurship and innovation to your state and the American economy.

For more information about Startup Day Across America, please contact Mark Colwell ([mark\\_colwell@moran.senate.gov](mailto:mark_colwell@moran.senate.gov)) in Senator Jerry Moran's office or Michelle Maiwurm ([michelle\\_maiwurm@warner.senate.gov](mailto:michelle_maiwurm@warner.senate.gov)) in Senator Warner's office.

Sincerely,



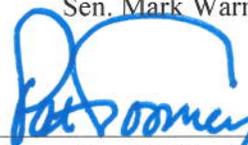
Sen. Jerry Moran



Sen. Mark Warner



Sen. Richard Blumenthal



Sen. Pat Toomey