

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Colleague:

On behalf of Engine, we would like to invite you to participate in Congressional Startup Day, a nationwide celebration of startups and entrepreneurial communities occurring on Wednesday, August 12. Congressional Startup Day events will also be held throughout the week of August 10-14.

As the co-chairs of Congressional Startup Day, we represent both parties and different regions of our country, in support of startups, small businesses, and job creators. We urge you to take the opportunity to meet with startups based in your district and state to learn more about the issues affecting their innovation ecosystems, as well as how policymakers can work with startups to support innovation and entrepreneurship. Last year, over 50 members of Congress met with local entrepreneurs as part of the annual celebration of startup ecosystems.

We all know that fast-growing startups are no longer unique to locales like Silicon Valley. Entrepreneurs from a variety of industries, ranging from retail and healthcare to entertainment and education, are reshaping communities all across America. Startups are providing jobs to your constituents, creating new technologies, and finding innovative solutions to improve the quality of life. This is an exciting opportunity for you to learn more about these thriving hubs of innovation.

The coronavirus pandemic has impacted businesses all across the nation, and startups have been especially affected by the economic downturn. U.S. startups created three million jobs last year, and these small firms make significant contributions to our nation's economy. Congressional Startup Day presents an opportunity for you to highlight the role that startups and entrepreneurs—particularly those based in your district and state—play in driving economic growth and technological innovation on a national scale. Engine will help to handle event logistics for Congressional Startup Day, from finding startups to promoting the meetings. Because of the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic, you are also welcome to hold remote and virtual meetings with startups in your district and state. If you are interested in participating in Congressional Startup Day, please contact Engine's Nathan Lindfors at [nathan@engine.is](mailto:nathan@engine.is) to schedule a date and time for a meeting.

Let's show our constituents that we value their entrepreneurial contributions to our communities, especially now, by celebrating this Congressional Startup Day together.

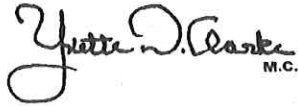
Sincerely,



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