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To Whom it may Concern,

The [Central Ohio Trauma System \(COTS\)](#) is pleased to support MustER's pursuit of funding from the Department of Air Force Small Business Technology Transfer Program (STTR) 21.B in partnership with The Ohio State University's Center for Design and Manufacturing Excellence (CDME) U.S. Department of Defense Supply Base Resilience and Diversification (SBRD) program.

The Central Ohio Trauma System is a group of physicians, healthcare professionals, and other experts working together to improve patient outcomes related to trauma, emergency services, and disaster preparedness. Since 2002, COTS has received funding from the Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response (ASPR) and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to coordinate emergency preparedness, response, and recovery for 36 of Ohio's 88 counties. We are Ohio's largest preparedness Coalition.

We understand that the U.S. Combatant Commands require within the Force Protection & Medical category the need to provide "far-forward, remote/austere tactical combat casualty care/prolonged field care," "to extend the golden hour," and to provide "rapid response to pandemic influenza/infectious disease occurrences. MustER meets this need with a rapidly deployable, self-contained expeditionary medical treatment center designed to incorporate health care delivery modernization into the Air Force and Army Future Power.

Equally important, MustER will serve as a support multiplier as part of the Military-Civilian National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) to care for our Nation's casualties by increasing medical surge capabilities during a national emergency such as a mass casualty incident or pandemic.

MustER also supports the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) in preventing the spread of infectious diseases by providing rapid delivery of emergency medical care to those in need around the world in areas where there is no infrastructure as part of future humanitarian aid missions.

I am happy to offer COTS support for the Air Force STTR 21.B application for funding and hope they receive all possible consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sherri Kovach".

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