



SOCIETY FOR  
WOMEN'S HEALTH RESEARCH

**Statement on  
"Save America's Biotechnology Innovative Research (SABIR) Act"  
(S.1263 and H.R. 2943)**

“We are here today to send the message to Congress that small biotechnology companies rely on Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) awards to carry their research through the early stages so they can attract venture capital funding to support more expensive late-stage products.

“By failing to fund SBIR loans, Congress essentially allows the Small Business Administration to delay or stifle important innovation.

“The Society for Women’s Health Research focuses on medical conditions and diseases that affect women and men differently. Autoimmune diseases, such as multiple sclerosis, lupus and rheumatoid arthritis, are a prime example. As a group, they occur three times more frequently in women than men. No one knows exactly what causes autoimmune disorders and treatments for them are limited.

“Much of the research to find treatments and cures for these devastating illnesses is pioneered by small biotechnology companies.

“For the health of women and all patients, it is crucial that our nation’s research investment policies foster rather than hamper innovation.”

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**About the Society:** The Society for Women’s Health Research is the nation’s only non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the health of all women through research, education and advocacy. Founded in 1990, the Society brought to national attention the need for the appropriate inclusion of women in major medical research studies and the need for more information about conditions affecting women disproportionately, predominately, or differently than men. The Society advocates increased funding for research on women’s health; encourages the study of sex differences that may affect the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease; promotes the inclusion of women in medical research studies; and informs women, providers, policy makers and media about contemporary women’s health issues. Visit the Society’s Web site at [www.womenshealthresearch.org](http://www.womenshealthresearch.org) for more information.