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Val Kogan
President
Mid-Atlantic Russia Business Council
1760 Market Street, Suite 1100
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Dear Mr. Kogan:

On behalf of the University City Science Center, I would like to express our support of the Mid-Atlantic Russia Business Council's 18th Annual Russian-American Innovation Technology Week (RANIT) on September 23-27, 2013 and November 13-22, 2013, as well as Days of Russian-American Innovation Entrepreneurship Cooperation on October 17-23, 2013. The 18th RANIT will mark the 10th anniversary of Russian-American Innovation Technology Weeks.

We are delighted to welcome the Russian delegation of entrepreneurs, scientists, venture capitalists, and established corporations within the U.S. and Russian technology industries to the Science Center on September 27, 2013 as one of the key events of the 18th RANIT.

Established in 1963 and headquartered in Philadelphia, PA, the Science Center was the first, and remains the largest, urban research park in the United States. The Science Center accelerates technology commercialization, regional economic development, and the market availability of life-enhancing scientific breakthroughs by bringing together innovations, scientists, entrepreneurs, funding, laboratory facilities, and business services.

We value our partnership with the Mid-Atlantic - Russia Business Council and its involvement with our Global Soft Landing and Quorum programs. The continued collaboration between the Mid-Atlantic - Russia Business Council and the Science Center resulted in the first Russian company to open an office at the Science Center in 2012. We hope the 2013 RANIT and future programs will enhance our collaboration and that more Russian startup companies will join the Science Center.

With the Science Center's 50th and RANIT's 10th anniversary, 2013 marks a special year for both organizations and we're proud to support our ongoing collaborative efforts.

We look forward to working with the Mid-Atlantic Russia Business Council to support RANIT-BIO Week in Philadelphia.

Sincerely,


Stephen S. Tang, Ph.D., MBA
President & CEO