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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for CyberWorks, Cybersecurity Workforce Training Program in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of South Florida, a state-controlled, public, nonprofit university located at 4202 E. Fowler Avenue, Tampa, FL 33620.

The funding would allow 300 additional Floridians to participate this fiscal year in CyberWorks, a 19-week cybersecurity certificate training program that prepares non-traditional adult students, and especially recently discharged military veterans, to enter the civilian and defense cybersecurity workforce as Tier 1 Security Operation Center (SOC) Analysts.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because training a workforce skilled in cybersecurity is critical for national security and a healthy economy. The project has a federal nexus because the funding would grow the pool of qualified experts to reduce cyber vulnerabilities, which builds upon NIST's existing authority to "improve the usability of cybersecurity processes and technologies," as described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Daniel Webster
Member of Congress