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April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I write to respectfully request \$1,750,000 in fiscal year 2023 funding for the Community Project, Securing the Nation's Cyberinfrastructure.

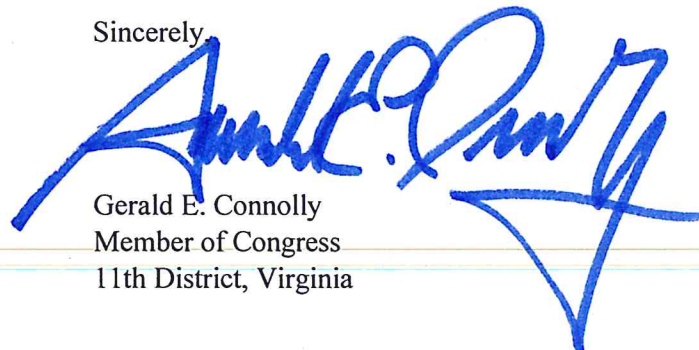
The entity to receive funding for this project is George Mason University, 4400 University Dr, Fairfax, VA, 22030.

The funding would help establish a first-in-the-nation Center of Excellence in Government Cybersecurity Risk Management and Resilience. The Center will directly support and advance cybersecurity leadership and governance across the U.S. federal government by developing and providing career-long cybersecurity and IT modernization learning opportunities for federal government IT and cyber executives and middle managers; acting as a strategic partner in federal government cybersecurity and IT modernization efforts; translating state-of-the-art research on technology modernization and cybersecurity into federal government practice; collating and disseminating best practices on federal government agency cybersecurity; and fostering U.S. government cybersecurity organizational capacity.

Mason's College of Engineering and Computing, School of Business, and Institute of Digital InnovAtion (IDIA) will develop and operate the Center of Excellence. The Center's objective will be to support federal government cybersecurity efforts by strengthening and fostering current best practices in IT and cybersecurity leadership and governance. These activities leverage Mason's leadership of the Northern Virginia Regional Node of the Commonwealth Cyber Initiative and a rich cyber infrastructure at Mason's IDIA that integrates transdisciplinary centers and living labs with broad and deep interdisciplinary expertise across all facets of cybersecurity research, governance, policy, and education.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Gerald E. Connolly
Member of Congress
11th District, Virginia