

March 30, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,500,000 in 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, located at 4202 E. Fowler Avenue, Tampa, FL 33620.

The funding would be used to expand the 19-week cybersecurity certificate training program to 300 students using hybrid live and virtual education. CyberWorks, at no cost, 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 the training will support the increasing demand for trained cybersecurity professionals in Florida and our nation's workforce.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes 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,



C. Scott Franklin
Member of Congress