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May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez's AI-Driven Cyber Security Research Center in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez, located at 259 Av. Alfonso Valdés Cobián, Mayagüez, 00681, Puerto Rico. The funding would be used for a state-of-the-art classroom, research lab, and training spaces for AI and cybersecurity workforce development.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will create training spaces for AI and cybersecurity workforce development. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4), and 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

Pablo José Hernández
Member of Congress