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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Middle Tennessee State University Cybersecurity in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Middle Tennessee State University, located at 1301 East Main Street, Murfreesboro, TN 37132. The funding would be used to strengthen Tennessee's cybersecurity workforce pipeline by delivering hands-on, job-ready training aligned with employer needs. The Cyber Range will serve students, working professionals, and employers across the region and state while advancing long-term economic development, workforce resilience, and digital security in Tennessee. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because This appropriation would create a scalable, industry-aligned Cyber Range (SOC), using a partnership with IBM and the Jennings A. Jones College of Business at Middle Tennessee State University to strengthen Tennessee's cybersecurity workforce pipeline, support economic development, and enhance statewide digital resilience. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 272 of Title 15, of the US Code. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott DesJarlais", written over a blue horizontal line.

Scott DesJarlais, M.D.
Member of Congress