

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3902**

May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting \$1,509,000 for the RIC Cyber Range: Emerging Technologies Hub for Research, Education, and Workforce Development Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Rhode Island College (RIC), located at Rhode Island College, 600 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence RI, 02908-1991. The funding would be used to support the establishment of a Cyber Range at the Institute for Cybersecurity & Emerging Technologies to conduct research on emerging cyber threats and defense mechanisms and train a cybersecurity workforce.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it builds on federal efforts to bolster research and workforce development within the cybersecurity industry and will strengthen cybersecurity practices for manufacturers and suppliers to the U.S. defense industry. The research conducted at the Cyber Range is anticipated to have broad implications at the national level, which the Institute intends to publish and disseminate via local and national cybersecurity communities, conferences, and advisory panels. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 15 U.S. Code § 272 (c)(18): *support research, development, and practical application to improve the usability of cybersecurity processes and technologies.*

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

Regards,



Seth Magaziner  
Member of Congress