

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

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$794,850 in funding for the University of Rhode Island's Secure Compute/Data Enhancement Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Rhode Island, located at 35 Campus Avenue, Kingston, RI 02881.

The funding would be used to secure an unclassified information infrastructure system and augment URI's current computational hardware configuration through the addition of specific computational/data components and staffing that will support CUI- and HIPAA-compliant research computing and storage. This funding will allow the University to continue expanding their innovative, cutting edge research as part of the The National Institute for Undersea Vehicle Technology (NIUVT) partnership, which supports the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) and the Office of Naval Research (ONR). The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because URI, through its NIUVT program, conducts research that improves national security. Additionally, expanding these capabilities will support the Navy research and development enterprise.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes consistent with, and supportive of, NIST's mission and aligned with one or more of the functions and activities 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,



Seth Magaziner
Member of Congress