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

May 2, 2025

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 funding for Los Angeles Valley College's (LAVC) Cybersecurity Center for Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Los Angeles Valley College, located at 5800 Fulton Ave, Valley Glen, CA 91401.

The funding would be used to purchase updated software, computer hardware, contracts for internships, staff salaries, supplies and marketing to disseminate the project. Funding would also be used to update the LAVC Cybersecurity Center with new computers and equipment to expand the college's existing Cybersecurity Program into a comprehensive Training and Innovation Hub.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the proposed Cybersecurity Center will provide significant, long-term benefits to CA-29, the state of California, and the broader national cybersecurity ecosystem. This project directly supports California's statewide initiative to train 50,000 entry-level cybersecurity professionals by 2030 and aligns with NIST's mission to promote U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness through the advancement of measurement science, standards, and technology.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luz Rivas".

Luz Rivas  
Member of Congress