



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

May 1, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa Delauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Delauro,

I am requesting funding for the Detroit Mercy Cybersecurity Operations Center in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is University of Detroit Mercy located at 4001 West McNichols Road, Detroit MI 48221.

The funding would be used to establish and equip a student-staffed cybersecurity operations center (Cyber-SOC) at Detroit Mercy for monitoring, detecting, analyzing, and responding to cybersecurity threats. Specifically, funding is needed to purchase high tech equipment, research threats against critical infrastructure, and develop needed simulations and hands-on labs that will be incorporated into the curriculum with the goal of students being workforce ready upon graduation. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because this project will provide job training for well-paying jobs that are critical to national security.

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 blue ink that reads "Shri Thanedar".

Shri Thanedar
Member of Congress