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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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May 2, 2025

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the USF Security Operations Center project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of South Florida, located at 8350 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34243. The funding would be used to purchase cybersecurity equipment, hardware, and resources necessary for the establishment of a security operations center. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would strengthen the cybersecurity workforce and enhance safety and security for residents in my district. 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,

W. Gregory Steube  
Member of Congress

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