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> The Honorable Tom Cole Chair Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

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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 CyberBioSecurity Excellence Partnership in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is The University of Alabama in Huntsville, located at 301 Sparkman Drive Huntsville, Alabama 35899. The funding will allow the University of Alabama Huntsville's Center for Cybersecurity Research and Education to conduct a research initiative to advance new methods for risk assessment and security controls specific to the field of genomic data cybersecurity. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports the development of solutions to protect against tampering, misuse, and theft of sensitive genomic data by malicious actors.

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 neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Dale Strong Member of Congress