

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3215

March 18, 2026

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, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for University of Mount Saint Vincent 21st Century Computer Science in Fiscal Year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is University of Mount Saint Vincent, located at 6301 Riverdale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471.

The funding would be used to support faculty-guided student research in cybersecurity, trustworthy AI, and interoperable computing systems as part of a new bachelor's degree program in computer science. This research will focus on secure data architectures, AI assurance and ethics, cloud computing interoperability, and cybersecurity practices consistent with NIST standards and frameworks. The project will expand participation in scientific and technical research while building a diverse pipeline of researchers equipped to contribute to secure, trustworthy, and interoperable technology systems. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it intends to meet the demand for skilled researchers in cybersecurity and trustworthy AI. This investment directly strengthens the national research workforce while producing applied technical solutions aligned with federal standards priorities.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized 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,



Ritchie Torres
Member of Congress

