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Dr. Taylor Eighmy
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RE: Letter of Support

Dear Dr. Eighmy,

On behalf of CyberSecurity San Antonio, I would like to express full and enthusiastic support of The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) initiative to build a new Computational Research Building and associated National Security Collaboration Center. As my organization exists to build San Antonio into a nationally recognized city for cybersecurity businesses, educational programs, and national security missions, this effort will be an incredible addition to our ecosystem. Through engaging government, industry and academia in cyber related research and development (R&D) and technology transfer, the NSCC has the potential to assist in solving the nation’s most challenging issues in cybersecurity.

The NSCC will create a collaborative environment for innovation, job-producing investments, and public-private partnerships, which are all goals of CyberSecurity San Antonio. As a means to support this effort and gain momentum for this initiative, UTSA will have the ability to leverage the San Antonio Chamber's Cybersecurity Industry Council, which is composed of private-sector, public-sector, federal government, academic, and entrepreneurial members working in, and dedicated to, growing San Antonio's cybersecurity industry. The Industry Council is the driving force behind CyberSecurity San Antonio and can provide strategic direction and guidance for the program’s initiatives.

UTSA has already engaged significant federal partnership with the Army Research Laboratory and the National Security Agency (NSA) Texas. Both organizations have established a presence within the UTSA campus, focused on cybersecurity related research and innovation. These partnerships demonstrate UTSA’s credibility in the field of cybersecurity and serve as a base for which industry and other federal partners will gravitate to the NSCC. This will allow for public-private partnership investment for the NSCC to grow, sustain and deliver impactful solutions for all involved.

Respectfully,

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Will Garrett
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