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Dr. Taylor Eighmy
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RE: Letter of Support

Dear Dr. Eighmy,

On behalf of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, I write this letter in support of The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) effort to build a collaborative and impactful ecosystem engaging government, industry and academia to assist in solving the nation’s most challenging issues surrounding cybersecurity through the National Security Collaboration Center (NSCC).

The concept for the NSCC has developed in close communication with stakeholders across San Antonio, including the City Economic Development Office, National Security Agency (NSA) Texas, US Army and US Air Force, Federal Bureau of Investigations and the US Secret Service. Although this concept exists in other areas of the US, the NSCC is unique because it aims to engage multiple federal partners within the defense community in joint research, development, test and evaluation of cyber related technologies and concepts. As a means to ensure successful technology transfer processes occur, the NSCC leverages public-private partnerships by merging academic capabilities and industry resources. This aspect of the NSCC is what has rallied support across San Antonio to move this effort forward.

The San Antonio Chamber of Commerce serves over 2,100 businesses and works to build and sustain a vibrant business community by engaging business owners, policymakers, and influencers to address issues and opportunities vital to the cities success. We have the ability to advocate on behalf of NSCC at the local, state, and federal levels. Furthermore, being that a major focus of the Chamber is to help build and sustain relevant industry within the city, we view the NSCC as a facilitator to help attract and retain cyber/information technology based businesses to the 7th largest city in the US.
As the physical footprint of the NSCC evolves through the construction of the new Computational Research Building (CRB), the Chamber will be supporting and collaborating with UTSA throughout the process. We request the University of Texas System view this effort as beneficial to the City of San Antonio's national security and global defense related ecosystem and subsequent benefit to the cybersecurity industry. Please feel free to reach out at any point to discuss the Chambers viewpoint on this topic.

Respectfully,

Richard Perez
President & CEO