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Dr. Taylor Eighmy, President
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Dear Dr. Eighmy:

Port San Antonio enthusiastically supports and applauds the efforts that the University of Texas at San Antonio is making to launch the National Security Collaboration Center. This Center will serve as a powerful conduit connecting public and private stakeholders with your University’s recognized research capabilities to develop solutions and technologies that will both advance national security and promote San Antonio and Texas as leaders in the increasingly important cybersecurity domain.

Your Center is precisely the type of innovative expansion of the traditional classroom and laboratory environment that will help keep San Antonio a leading voice in securing our nation’s and our industry’s connected systems. The inclusion of Sensitive Compartmented Information Facilities with academic laboratories provides the ability to rapidly develop effective technologies and solutions vital to national security. We are not surprised that you have received support from leading experts including the United States Air Force, the National Security Agency, and multiple commercial cybersecurity firms.

We are also very excited about your vision for a Cyber Corridor – a recognition that the challenges and opportunities that will arise from an increasingly connected world require connecting capabilities that go beyond a single discipline or location. Substantial research will be conducted at your Center, but it will not be done in a vacuum. Securing the cyberdomain in both virtual and physical space requires what the 24th Air Force has termed “whole of society engagement.” Your Center and your Cyber Corridor provide both a place and a roadmap for ensuring that we successfully address these challenges at the pace of our rapidly transforming world.

Port San Antonio is home to a substantial part of our City’s government, military, and private sector capabilities. We also host some of the region’s most important aerospace, infrastructure, and manufacturing assets and provide a vital transportation and logistics link for
our community. Ensuring that these assets are protected is key to our mission and we look forward to working with UTSA and our regional stakeholders in this regard. Your Center will compliment and augment the research, development, education, and commercialization efforts underway on our campus and we are eager to work with you, both physically and virtually, via the Cyber Corridor.

Thank you for your leadership and vision toward a collaborative and secure future for our connected world. Please let me know how we can be helpful.

Sincerely,

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Jim Perschbach
President & CEO