April 28, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 LHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the University of Rhode Island SEA Share (Secure Email Access Sharing) facility.

The entity to receive funding for this project is University of Rhode Island Research Foundation, located at Carlotti Administration Building, Suite 001, 75 Lower College Rd, Kingston, RI 02881.

The ability to effectively communicate between government, industry, and academic partners on sensitive topics is one of the largest challenges facing both small and medium-sized contractors and academia alike. URI seeks to address this issue in Rhode Island and become a leader while allowing the University to engage in more defense and defense related research. URI would use the funding to equip a facility with secure/Secret-level email and video teleconferencing capability and an executable business model that would allow the facility to be shared with local Rhode Island small and medium sized defense industry contractors.

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

Sincerely,

James R. Langevin
Member of Congress