

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

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The Hon. Thomas E. Perez
Secretary
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20210-0001

Dear Secretary Perez:

I am pleased to support the grant application of Montgomery College and the Cyber-Technology Pathways Across Maryland Consortium (CPAM) members for a U.S. Department of Labor Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) grant.

TAACCCT grant funding will enable this innovative collaboration to create partnerships and develop pathways to jobs for Maryland residents who are Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) workers, including veterans, the un- and under-employed, and other low-skilled workers. In addition, this proposal encourages women and underrepresented populations to pursue careers in the cyber-security and information technology fields.

In addition to working through our regional community colleges, CPAM has partnered with state and local Workforce Investment Boards, Career One Stops, veterans' offices, and nearly 40 private employers, including military contractors and medical facilities, which will benefit from highly skilled labor in the cyber-security industries. TAACCCT grant funding will prepare job seekers for well-paid careers in a field where there is a high demand for a skilled workforce.

I strongly support Montgomery College's efforts to obtain this critical funding and trust that its application will be given every consideration.

Sincerely,



Chris Van Hollen
Member of Congress

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