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The Honorable Katie Britt
Chair
Subcommittee on Homeland Security
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chris Murphy
Ranking Member
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Dear Chair Britt and Ranking Member Murphy:

On behalf of the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO), I write to urge the Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security to provide \$300 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 funding for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP). This funding level has received bipartisan endorsement and will help to continue a critical program that has provided states and local governments with the resources they need to bolster their cybersecurity defenses and modernize technology systems across the country.

SLCGP has provided states and localities with an unprecedented opportunity to improve their security posture, increase collaboration between state, local and federal governments and promote a whole-of-state approach to cybersecurity. States across the nation have worked diligently to put the \$1 billion provided through the initial four-year program to good use. The funds have been utilized to provide cybersecurity training, migrate to .gov domains, install multi-factor authentication and attain other vital cyber hygiene goals. Rural communities have especially benefitted by using SLCGP funds to strengthen long-overlooked cyber defenses, modernize outdated technology systems, train local IT staff and expand shared security services. The overall result of the first four years of SLCGP has been a significantly improved ability to prevent, detect and respond to cyber threats with limited resources.

Last year, Congress affirmed the value of SLCGP by including a temporary extension in an agreement to reopen the federal government and the House passed the PILLAR Act, which would re-authorize SLCGP for 10 years, under a suspension of the rules. Senators Hassan and Cornyn have also introduced legislation that would extend SLCGP for one year with \$300 million in funding. While NASCIO remains committed to a long-term reauthorization of SLCGP and reminds appropriators and other stake holders that the extremely high required state match could prevent some entities from utilizing the program, a short-term funding extension for FY 27 is critical to continue the many achievements of this vital program.

Sincerely,

Doug Robinson
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Cc: Senate Appropriations Committee Leadership, House Appropriations Committee Leadership

