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The Honorable Susan Collins
Chair
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The Honorable Patty Murray
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The Honorable Katie Britt
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The Honorable Chris Murphy
Ranking Member
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Chair Collins, Vice Chair Murray, Chair Britt, and Ranking Member Murphy:

As the collective voice of state and local governments, we urge you to provide \$300 million in Fiscal Year 2027 funding for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP). This funding level for SLCGP is consistent with the average funding levels provided through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and will enable state and local governments to continue strengthening their cybersecurity posture against constantly evolving threats.

Since its creation in 2021, SLCGP has evolved to become a vital tool in cybersecurity preparedness and resilience across state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments. The program has helped state and local governments, particularly smaller and rural communities with limited resources, implement critical protections, including multifactor authentication, endpoint detection and response, identity and access management, cyber incident response planning, statewide risk assessments, cybersecurity training and shared security services.

A \$300 million appropriation reflects a bipartisan consensus that is also expressed in legislation introduced by Senators John Cornyn and Maggie Hassan which would provide the same level of funding for SLCGP for one year. In a time of mounting threats from artificial intelligence and increasing sophistication of cyber-attacks from malicious actors, this funding level represents a prudent investment in the security of America’s public infrastructure.

SLCGP investments have strengthened coordination between state and local governments, improved cyber readiness, and helped protect essential services such as emergency communications, public health systems, elections, transportation, and education. As state and local governments continue to face persistent threats



from nation-state actors, ransomware groups, and other cybercriminals, sustained federal investment remains essential to ensuring every community has access to baseline cybersecurity capabilities.

In addition to providing robust FY 2027 funding, we urge Congress to swiftly enact a long-term reauthorization of SLCGP. States and local governments require certainty to develop multi-year cybersecurity strategies and make sustained investments in personnel, technology, and shared services. A long-term authorization will preserve and strengthen the federal-state-local partnership that has made SLCGP such a success.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued commitment to strengthening the cybersecurity of state and local governments. We look forward to working with you to ensure SLCGP remains a strong and reliable tool for protecting the critical services on which the American public depends.

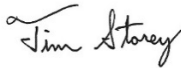
Sincerely,



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