

# Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

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

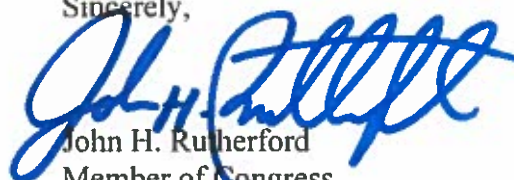
Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

On behalf of JEA and my constituents in Florida's 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, I am requesting \$800,000 to enhance cybersecurity threat and vulnerability management in the Fiscal Year 2023 Energy and Water Appropriations bill. JEA located at 21 W. Church Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202 will receive the funding for this project.

If granted, this funding would help JEA, Jacksonville's municipal electric authority, deliver reliable and safe power to more than 478,000 residents in Northeast Florida. Funding will help enhance cybersecurity threat and vulnerability management for both their electrical information technology (IT) and operational technology (OT) systems. It would allow JEA to expand their current vulnerability scanning capabilities with additional network scanners for both the IT network, OT network, and intersection where the two meet. Once vulnerabilities have been identified, JEA would be able to prioritize and deploy additional tools to handle any discovered vulnerabilities. In today's world, critical infrastructure such as power delivered by JEA, are under constant threat from our adversaries, it is vital that we empower local infrastructure owners with the tools they need to scan and defend against any attacks. This funding would ensure that the provider of power services to the largest city in Florida has the resources it needs to secure these vital systems.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,



John H. Rutherford  
Member of Congress