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### FROM THE DESK OF JONATHAN VAUGHT

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TO: The Honorable Andy Barr  
SUBJECT: Re: Strong Support for Kentucky Capital Development Corporation (KCDC)  
Community Funding Request  
DATE: Thursday, April 8, 2021  
CC: n/a

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Representative Barr:

I write on behalf of my company McAllen Solutions, Inc. to convey our support for KCDC's Community Funding request. This funding will enable KCDC and its partners at the City of Frankfort and Franklin County to provide a workforce development program that will train low-income individuals, particularly minorities and women, for careers in the cybersecurity and IT sectors.

As the owner of an IT company, I know firsthand the challenges in recruiting skilled cybersecurity and IT professionals. The need for individuals capable of securing networks against attackers has never been greater, and education and training opportunities within our community have found it nearly impossible to keep pace with the growing need for cyber talent.

The KY legislature recently passed House Bill 372 which will offer tax breaks to recruit data centers, thus IT growth will likely be boom. While this legislation will help Kentucky compete for high wage jobs, Frankfort and Franklin County do not have the pipeline of cybersecurity and IT workers ready to meet employer needs. This program will help us address that issue.

I ask that you please give the highest consideration to KCDC's Community Funding request. Thank you very much for your consideration.

All the Best,

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