

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

June 28, 2024

The Honorable Frank Kendall
Secretary of the Air Force
1670 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330-1670

Dear Mr. Secretary,

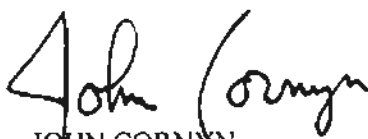
We write to express our strong support for Port San Antonio's efforts to build a new consolidated campus for the 16th Air Force (AFCYBER), its associated missions, and partner agencies across the Cyber National Mission Force. This effort has the potential to not only save the Air Force significant money but will also result in a state-of-the-art facility for our warfighters delivered more expeditiously than traditional delivery methods.

The proposed campus will be located directly adjacent to the academic, commercial, and research capabilities hosted at Port San Antonio. This thriving innovation and technology campus supports a significant and rapidly growing presence of key Air Force and Department of Defense missions, along with an array of defense industrial enterprises, startups, academic and research institutions, and other strategic stakeholders. The AFCYBER campus will be designed and built to serve as a base of the future, emphasizing human factors design for maximum human performance while meeting physical and radio frequency security requirements.

We applaud the Air Force for recognizing the need for innovative solutions to its infrastructure needs. The Air Force's openness to use an Intergovernmental Support Agreement (IGSA) for Port San Antonio to perform pre-development activities during which the Port will prepare schematic design, cost estimates, and feasibility studies, is especially encouraging. These results will enable the Air Force and Congress to determine the best way ahead for the project.

We ask the Air Force to continue to work with Port San Antonio in the formulation and execution of the initial IGSA and that our offices be regularly kept apprised of the progress of the project. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



JOHN CORNYN
United States Senator



Pat Fallon
Member of Congress



Joaquin Castro
Member of Congress



Henry Cuellar
Member of Congress