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To Whom It May Concern,

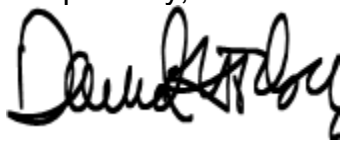
I am writing this letter in support of Dr. Zayira Jordan's candidacy to become the University of Puerto Rico's President. Dr. Jordan is a highly qualified individual who, thanks to her expertise in cybersecurity, was selected to participate in the Three Sea Region Initiative by the National Cyberwatch Center in 2023. As part of the experience, Dr. Jordan, together with a group of scholars had an exchange about cybersecurity scholarship and practices in some of the countries in the region including Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, and Hungary.

During the exchange, Dr. Jordan's contributions to the understanding of the United States cybersecurity education landscape were instrumental in sparking valuable interactions. Thanks to the positive impression I developed about Dr. Jordan's capacities and her continued interest in promoting cybersecurity education and literacy in Puerto Rico, we have continued to collaborate. Dr. Jordan ideated and obtained funding to create the Puerto Rico Cybersecurity Hub in the interest of promoting cybersecurity as an economic pillar in Puerto Rico moved by her experiences in the classroom with Puerto Rican youth interested in cybersecurity careers and the potential to contribute to the high demand for professionals in these fields.

Dr. Jordan has become a highly valued contributor and I hope to continue collaborating in research development projects that move cybersecurity beyond in Puerto Rico, the Caribbean, and Latin America.

I know Dr. Jordan has both the vision and the capability to effect positive change in the university. Her commitment to excellence as well as her keen pursuit of betterment opportunities for Puerto Rico youth will guide her as she leads her community. Dr. Jordan will definitely instill innovative practices and contribute to position the University of Puerto Rico among the best institutions in the region, the nation, and the world.

Respectfully,



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