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Representative Smola Announces Local Cybersecurity Grants

BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce that Palmer, Sturbridge and Ware have been awarded funding through the FY22 Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness Grant Program. This program is intended to support local government efforts to improve overall cybersecurity through comprehensive online training, evaluation, and threat simulation. The program is open to municipalities and public school districts. Awards can be made available for employees in all municipal functions that have a government-issued email address, including municipal administration, school and public safety officials. Awarded communities will receive licenses for user training, assessment, and phishing simulation, procured and managed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Executive Office of Technology Services and Security.

"As more government services move online, it is critical that local communities be prepared for the challenges that come along with that," said Representative Smola. "I want to congratulate Palmer, Sturbridge and Ware for taking advantage of this valuable program."

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