Members of the Committee, Congresswoman Handel, thank you for inviting us to speak today to the Committee. I'm Steven Emmert of RELX Group, a world-leading provider of information and analytics to professional and business customers across industries. I am here today on behalf of one of our companies, LexisNexis Risk Solutions, which provides data and technology solutions for a wide range of industries and government. LexisNexis Risk Solutions recently hosted and funded a free, 4-week summer coding and tech education program at its' headquarters is Alpharetta, Georgia for high school students from across the metro Atlanta area.

The Tomorrow's Technologists Powered by LexisNexis Risk Solutions program is a collaborative effort with the Technology Association of Georgia Education Collaborative and Higher Ground Education. This program provides students with technology training and development, career literacy and exposure and access to industry professionals. Students leave the camp with enhanced skills and

confidence to help prepare them for future career pathways, and a free laptop.

STEMconnector, recently reported that technical knowledge is a fundamental skill that young people need to succeed, but not enough young people in this country are developing that foundation. This situation is no different in Georgia where only 25% of Georgia high schools with AP programs offer an AP Computer Science class. Minority and female and economically disadvantaged students are underrepresented in AP computer science classes.

LexisNexis Risk Solutions believes that all students should have access to technology and programming education in their schools — and that these subjects should be an integral part of education along with other basics such reading, writing and mathematics. We are committed to providing opportunities for youth to learn about technology and programming by offering camps like Tomorrow's

Technologists, where they can gain hands-on experience and training, and build confidence in their skills and themselves.

Tomorrow's Technologists is one of several coding education events that LexisNexis Risk Solutions sponsors. It's part of our ongoing initiative to invest in the data scientists and computer engineers of tomorrow through science, technology, engineering, arts and math, otherwise known as STEAM education.