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I was a participant in the 2024 cohort for the Certificate in Building Cyber Resilience, a program offered through the Oregon Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (OCCoE). Beyond the curriculum, the program provided invaluable networking opportunities, connecting me with local government and education cybersecurity experts. Programs like the OCCoE are crucial for safeguarding the data of Oregon residents. Without these educational opportunities and professional connections, cybersecurity professionals would operate in isolation, leaving our collective digital infrastructure vulnerable. Our security is only as strong as that of our weakest link.