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The Honorable Kay Granger
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center for the Agricultural Conservation through Precision and Digital Agriculture Technologies Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center located at 101 J. Norman Efferson Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803. However, the project will be administered in Louisiana's Fifth Congressional District.

The funding would be used to enhance scientific research programs, student education, training and certifications, and extension initiatives focused on improving the conservation of resources, reducing the environmental footprint, and increasing the sustainability of agricultural operations. This initiative, led by the LSU Ag Center and LSU Alexandria, will focus on establishing model farm operations that incorporate precision agriculture initiatives and translating data through digital agriculture to support producers, industry, and residents. This is a good use of taxpayer funding as it will maximize yield and the commodities produced by Louisiana's farmers feed America's families.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Soil Conservation and Allotment Domestic Act of 1935, 16 U.S. Code sections 590a-590d and 590f-g.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

I request you give this project every consideration, consistent with all rules and regulations. Thank you for your attention to this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Julia Letlow, Ph.D.
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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