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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding in fiscal year 2027 for the United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service co-located facility Lincoln, NE — National Center for Resilient and Regenerative Precision Agriculture. The entity to receive funding for this project is the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Research Service (ARS), located at 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250. Funding would be used for construction of this co-located facility. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this new USDA facility will provide research to advance innovation in American agriculture and house four ARS research units: water, climate, and resilience; precision agriculture; grain, forage, and bioenergy; and agroecosystems management. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 7 USC 2250 under which the Department of Agriculture may erect buildings to carry out its authorized work.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Yours very truly,



Michael J. Flood
Member of Congress