

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-3313

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Central Crops Research NC project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is North Carolina State University, located at 20 Watagua Dr, Raleigh, NC 27695. The funding would be used for improvements to the Central Crops Research facility to support ongoing corn and soybean USDA-ARS research. Specifically, the project would make upgrades to the facilities irrigation system, seed drying and shelling buildings, long term cold research building, and pesticide, fertilizer, and grain storage facilities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because The USDA-ARS corn and soybean research programs at Raleigh, NC rely on the NC State Central Crops Research Station for many field activities due to the station's close proximity to the NC State campus. The station is in need of several upgrades to existing facilities that would greatly benefit the corn and soybean programs in terms of data collection, germplasm production, and long term storage.. Corn and Soybean are both important farm commodities in NC and the 13th congressional district.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under 7 U.S. Code section 2250.

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

Sincerely,



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Brad Knott  
Member of Congress