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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 Food Systems Resiliency project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Nevada, Reno, located at 1664 N. Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada 89557.

The funding will support implementation of a self-sustaining, resident-led food system initiative at St. Jude's Ranch in Boulder City, Nevada, designed to address food insecurity and workforce gaps in Southern Nevada.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because, by addressing Nevada's shortage of skilled food system personnel, this project will prepare participants for competitive employment by delivering evidence-based nutrition education, horticulture training, and project-based internships for workforce preparation. This integrated model strengthens food security, builds practical job skills, and advances long-term community resilience and economic mobility in alignment with federal health and agriculture priorities.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

Dina Titus
Member of Congress