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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

April 27, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 – The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2022 bill, I respectfully request that you give consideration to the following funding priorities:

Provide a funding level of \$4,500,000 for a community project funding request. The intended recipient is the National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research (NCAUR) in Peoria, Illinois.

The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because this proposed project would create a Research Greenhouse on the campus of the National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research (NCAUR). The construction of a Research Greenhouse will allow NCAUR to initiate novel research programs to develop and utilize crops that improve the climate resilience and sustainability of food and energy production, foster new economic opportunities for rural communities and biomanufacturing industries, and enhance the safety and security of the food supply.

Sincerely,

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