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May 10, 2024

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  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Agri-Business Innovation Center Facility Rehabilitation project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Municipality of Isabela, located at Manuel Corchado Juarbe Street #75, Isabela, Puerto Rico 00662. The funding will be used to rehabilitate a former school in the municipality to provide the space, equipment, and other resources for 15 agriculture businesses. The center will also provide training services for farmers and producers on best practices, opportunities to increase marketing and sales of their products, among other business features that maximize economic opportunities and increase access to healthy foods. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it utilizes unused infrastructure to support economic growth in a low-income community, creates jobs, and provides a model that can be extended to other areas of the municipality and Puerto Rico.

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), and 5305 (a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colón".

Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colón  
Member of Congress