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April 29, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the construction of the Center for Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture (Center) at the Institute of Sustainable Biotechnology (ISBiot), located at the Barranquitas Campus of the Inter American University of Puerto Rico, in Fiscal Year 2022.

The entity that would receive funding for this project is the Inter American University of Puerto Rico, Barranquitas Campus. Its address is P.O. Box 517, Barranquitas, Puerto Rico 00794.

The purpose of this project is to build the Center, which would expand the laboratory capabilities at ISBiot and maximize agricultural production and resilience by developing in vitro seeds to be used by local farmers and researchers. This will support the availability of certain crops, food security, farmers, and agricultural research and production in the Island, while directly assisting rural municipalities in the mountainous region. The Center will also host training workshops for local farmers.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jenniffer Gonzalez Colon".

Jenniffer González Colón  
Member of Congress