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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Ensuring Continuity of Georgia Peanut Research: Essential Processing and Storage Equipment Replacement at UGA Tifton** in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Georgia (UGA), located at 500 D.W. Brooks Drive, Athens, GA 30602. The funding would be used for upgraded infrastructure and equipment for UGA's Peanut Breeding Program at the UGA Tifton Campus. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because a small, one-time investment in the future of Georgia's premier peanut research program will provide yields to the Georgia economy and Georgia's producers and consumers that will far outweigh the input cost of this project. Federal agricultural research facilities are underinvested in across the country, and the Research Facilities Act can only deliver so much to the country's ag schools. This one-time investment will set the Peanut Program up for success for decades to come and help UGA continue delivering necessary research and results for GA's peanut industry. This has been a need for a long time and would finally allow UGA to upscale their facility to deliver better quality research for GA's growers.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,

Austin Scott
Member of Congress