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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa L DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **University of California, Riverside Precision Agriculture Center** project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **University of California, Riverside located at 900 University Avenue, Riverside, California 92521**. The funding would be used to upgrade field sensing, smart irrigation, and automation systems to accelerate development of resilient, resource-efficient agricultural technologies. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will strengthen critical domestic food production in the region while advancing water efficiency, environmental sustainability, and agricultural resilience.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Takano".

MARK TAKANO
Member of Congress