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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **UCR Agricultural Research, Education and Neighborhood Advancement (ARENA) Center project** in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **University of California Riverside**, located at **1060 Martin Luther King Blvd. Riverside, CA 92507**. The funding would be used for the construction of the ARENA Center, which will house a conference room, a demonstration lab, offices, a kitchen, and bathrooms. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project supports providing agricultural training with state of the art research and systems, generating new ideas and new jobs.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by **42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1) and 5305(a)(2)**.

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