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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development  
and Food and Drug Administration  
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Washington DC, 20515-6016  
The Honorable Jack Kingston, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development  
and Food and Drug Administration  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman DeLauro and Ranking Member Kingston:

I am writing to request your assistance on a couple projects within the Department of Agriculture. As you develop the fiscal year 2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill I hope you will consider funding these projects in my district. I have listed a brief description of the project below.

- 1. Dixon Springs Ag Center Energy Feedstock Program and Equipment:** Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service; CSREES; \$168,960 in funding that will be used for an adaptive research, equipment, and demonstration projects of renewable energy feedstock program. By expanding the energy feedstock program at Dixon Springs, the campus can use the energy generated by the demonstration projects, and compare biomass sources for best market uses.
- 2. National Corn to Ethanol Research Center:** Agriculture Research Service; ARS; \$1,500,000 in funding will go toward the research at NRERC which is needed to reduce our reliance on foreign sources of energy. I would like to request \$56,000,000. This is a program request.
- 3. Richland Community College Bioenergy Education Program:** Agriculture Research Service; ARS; \$750,000 in funding will help address the problem of a shortage of trained workers in the bioenergy sector and allow for retraining of unemployed workers for jobs in this field.

4. **East Fork Shoal Creek Reservoir:** Natural Resources Conservation Service; Watershed/Flood Prevention Operations; \$1,000,000 in funding would be used to help with the design and engineering for East Fork Shoal Creek Reservoir. This will allow the City of Greenville to create new water source for regional water system and themselves.

**Program Requests:**

- **Resource Conservation & Development Program: \$64,200,000**
- **Rural Water Circuit Riders: \$15,000,000**
- **Grassroots Source Water Protection Program: \$6,100,000**
- **Rural Water and Waste Disposal Grant and Loan Program: \$650,000,000**
- **Section 502 Direct Homeownership Loan Program: \$2,000,000,000**
- **Section 515 Direct Rural Rental Housing Loans Program: \$500,000,000**
- **Section 504 Home Repair Loans and Grants: \$50,000,000**
- **Section 533 Preservation Grants for Green Renovation: \$50,000,000**
- **Section 514 Farm Labor Housing Loans: \$50,000,000**
- **Section 516 Farm Labor Housing Grants Program: \$50,000,000**
- **Section 521 Multi-Family Rental Assistance Program: \$15,000,000**
- **Section 523 Self-Help Housing Grants Program: \$75,000,000**
- **Multi-family Housing Revitalization Program: \$100,000,000**
- **Animal Welfare: \$22,275,270**
- **Investigative & Enforcement Services: \$14,036,350**
- **Animal fighting enforcement and other responsibilities: \$87,910,150**
- **Veterinary Student Loan Forgiveness: \$5,000,000**
- **Emergency Management Systems/Disaster Planning and Response for Animals: \$1,001,000**

I hereby certify that this request will be made publicly available on my Official Website as required by Chairman Obey's new Committee policy that only posted requests will be considered.

Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I further certify that should this request be included in the bill, I will place a statement in the *Congressional Record* describing how the funds will be spent and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests. Please let me or my aide, Ryan Tracy, know if we may provide your office with any additional information.

Sincerely,



JOHN M. SHIMKUS  
Member of Congress