



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515–3222

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the National Grape Improvement Center in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the USDA ARS National Center for Grape Improvement located at 630 West North Street, Geneva, NY 14456. The funding would be used for the construction of a greenhouse and plant growth chambers to support the National Grape Improvement Center's vital work. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will support the Agricultural Research Service's important work to support viticulture and our nation's vineyards.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 7 U.S. Code section 2250.

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

Sincerely,


Claudia Tenney
Member of Congress