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Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Grow Food Northampton, Inc.'s Community Farm redesign in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Grow Food Northampton, Inc, located at 221 Pine Street, Suite 349, Florence, MA 01062.

The funding would be used to redesign a parcel of 121-acre organic Community Farm to address the long-term, foundational aspects of ending food insecurity in the region. This project will: create additional parcels to welcome more small & beginning farms onto the Community Farm; add additional Community Garden plots to increase the number of community members growing food for themselves and their families; expand edible hedgerow for community education and foraging; create experimental plots for collaborative work with researchers on designing and measuring ways in which regenerative agricultural practices can enhance regional climate resilience while growing food for the community; create additional gardening and farming spaces for more hands-on educational opportunities for all-age learners; and construct a barn for farmer use and community education/local food system events.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James P. McGovern".

James P. McGovern
Member of Congress