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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

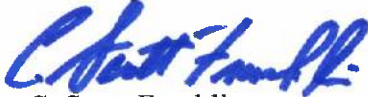
I am requesting funding for the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Sugarcane Field Station in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the USDA Sugarcane Field Station, located at 12990 US Hwy 441 North, Canal Point, Florida, 33438. Allocation of funding would allow updates to the facilities study and design completed in 2011 for ARS facilities at Canal Point, FL. These funds would be provided to USDA to update these site plans and designs.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the sugar industry provides 19,201 jobs and generates \$4.7 billion in economic activity in Florida. The Florida sugarcane industry provides \$1.2 million in direct support for this station and additional indirect support. The entire U.S. sugarcane industry is reliant upon the Canal Point station for the development of new varieties which are resistant to an ever-evolving group of pests and diseases which diminish the competitiveness of the U.S. industry against foreign subsidized products.

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,



C. Scott Franklin

Member of Congress