Congress of the United States

STACEY E. PLASKETT VIRGIN ISLANDS

House of Representatives

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the St. Croix Farmers in Action Cisterns project in fiscal year 2024. The non-profit entity to receive funding for this project is St. Croix Farmers in Action, Inc., located in the U.S. Virgin Islands at P.O. Box 69, Kingshill, St. Croix, VI 00851. The anticipated location of the project is 18A Estate Bethlehem, Kingshill, St. Croix, VI 00851.

The requested funding would be used to rehabilitate an existing 1-million-gallon cistern and two smaller cisterns. This funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide water resources necessary for the success of farmers and businesses. This project would fulfill the needs of farms and businesses whose economic success depends upon water access, and provide a consistent water source for economically disadvantaged farmers who depend on water to maintain farmland.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

Stacey E/Plaskett Member of Congress