

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 10, 2010

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Chairwoman
Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration,
and Related Agencies Subcommittee
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jack Kingston, Ranking Member
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Kingston:

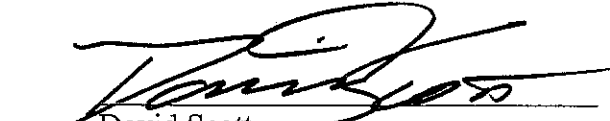
We are writing to urge your subcommittee to increase funding for the four key programs within the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) that specifically benefit the 1890 Land-grant Institutions.

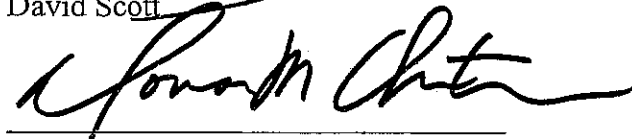
In recent years, your subcommittee has been very responsive to the needs of the 1890 Institutions and we are grateful for the increases you have provided. However, the needs of the populations served by the 1890s are greater this year due to current recessionary conditions. These needs continue to grow daily in both scope and urgency. For this reason, we ask you to increase funding for the four 1890s' programs within the FY 2011 Agriculture Appropriations Bill as follows:

- **Evans-Allen Research Program.** This is the primary federal source of research funds for the 1890 land-grant universities. Funds are distributed under a statutory formula and a 100 percent non-federal match is required. As detailed in the attached fact sheet, Evans-Allen funding benefits the United States in a myriad ways. *Funding of \$55 million is requested.*
- **1890 Extension.** This funding line provides each 1890 University with resources for cooperative extension activities. Like Evans-Allen, funds are distributed under a formula and a 100 percent non-federal match is required. The program, as outlined in the attached fact sheet, particularly benefits the underserved populations served by the 1890 Universities. *Funding of \$50 million is requested.*
- **1890 University Capacity Building Grants.** Awarded on a competitive basis, these grants strengthen teaching, research, and extension programs in the food and agricultural sciences by building the institutional capacities of the 1890 land-grant universities. *Funding of \$25 million is requested.*
- **1890 University Facilities Grants.** These grants provide funds for the acquisition and improvement of agricultural and food sciences facilities and equipment, including libraries, so that the 1890 land-grant universities may participate fully in the production of human capital in the food and agricultural sciences. *Funding of \$25 million is requested.*

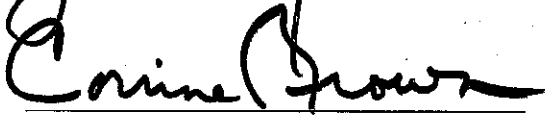
While we appreciate the difficulties involved in reconciling competing funding priorities, we know that you will continue to do all you can to help the 1890 Land-grant Institutions grow, prosper, and tackle the challenges and opportunities of a technologically advanced world, while contributing to the common good of all people.

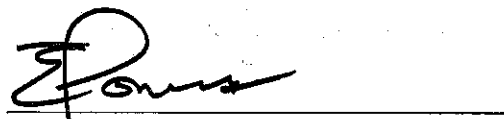
Sincerely,


David Scott

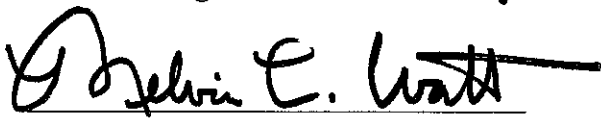

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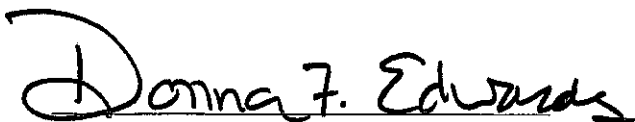

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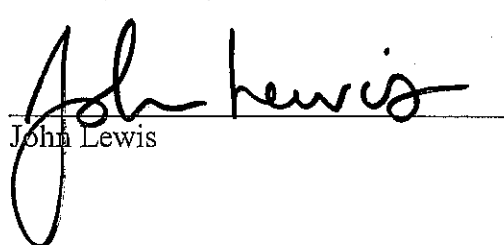

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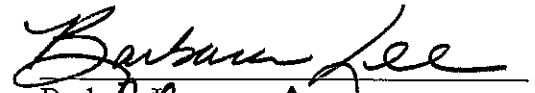

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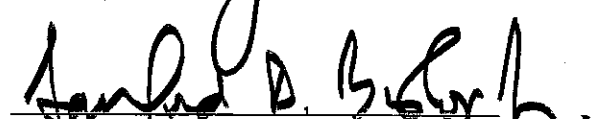

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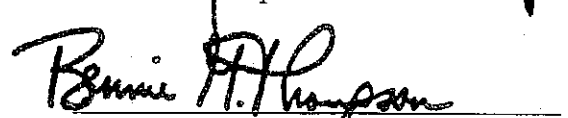

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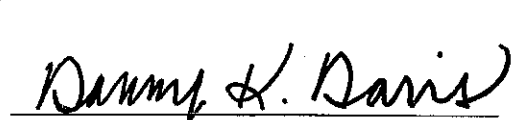

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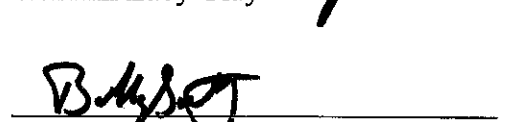

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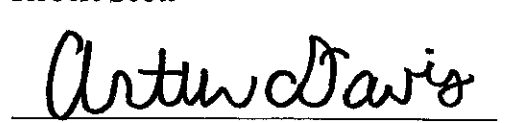

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