



NASULGC

National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges

March 3, 2004

The Honorable Don Nickles
133 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Nickles:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Budget and Advocacy Committee (BAC) of the Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA) of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC) in my capacity as chairman of the BAC. We are deeply concerned with the President's Budget proposal as it relates to agriculture. The BAC believes the President's proposal will cause very important programs such as extension, teaching and research to suffer severe cuts.

Under the President's plan, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's budget authority for discretionary programs in 2005 would be reduced about \$1.7 billion, or 8.1 percent, compared to the spending levels adopted for the current fiscal year. As you consider a budget for FY 2005, the BAC respectfully requests that you consider the outstanding contributions to our country made by the extension, teaching and research efforts by NASULGC institutions throughout the entire United States and its territories.

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The BAC is quite concerned that if the President's budget for agriculture is used to establish an allocation, critical elements of U.S. agriculture will be pitted against one another. It appears that the proposed level of funding falls far short of what is needed to maintain strong teaching, research and extension programs. These programs allow 2% of our population - our agriculture producers - to feed our entire country.

As you consider the Fiscal Year 2005 budget resolution the BAC urges you to consider the tremendous value and contributions of research, teaching and extension in the United States economy.

With best wishes,

Fred A. Cholick
Chairman
Budget and Advocacy Committee
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The Honorable Jim Nussle
303 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable John Spratt
1401 Longworth Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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