

## **FY 2021 Appropriations Requests and Follow up**

Dear CARET-AHS Members-

During our session on effective advocacy at this year's CARET AHS meeting, Cornerstone suggested a best practice of following up with each office with whom you met. If you have not been able to do so, now is an opportune time as the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee deadline is March 13th and the Senate's is April 6th.

In an effort to assist you in doing so, we have provided a sample email for your use consistent with your institutions congressional contact procedures. *Please note, it includes blanks for you to customize the email, so please do not copy and paste without adding pertinent information. Of course, if you were unable to meet with your Senator or Representative's office, please still take the opportunity to modify this email to make your initial request of them for the upcoming appropriations cycle.*

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me last week to discuss the much-needed funding for UNIVERSITY X's agricultural research and extension programs. UNIVERSITY X uses this funding to positively impact the lives of STATE X's farmers, ranchers and consumers.

Funding for the important capacity programs (Hatch, Smith-Lever, Evans Allen, 1890's Extension, McIntire Stennis, and Payments to the 1994 Institutions), in the agriculture appropriations bill via USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, provide the resources universities need to maintain the Extension (Smith-Lever, 1890 Extension, and 1994 Extension) and research (Evans Allen and Hatch) capabilities to address the food, natural resource, and energy needs of the nation. Extension funding ensures research discoveries and products are distributed to stakeholders, and its application informs further, future research.

Funding provided by the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative provides competitive funding for innovative research to address the emerging issues affecting numerous sectors of our economy. Additionally, the competitive funding provided through Research Grants for 1994 Institutions helps support the agricultural research that addresses concerns of tribal, national, or multistate significance.

I am asking REPRESENTATIVE X/SENATOR X to support the request of UNIVERSITY X and the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities for additional funding dedicated to our seven priority areas. Specific information on each line, and the information needed to submit this to the Appropriations Committee, can be found on our website, [land-grant.org](http://land-grant.org), or on our [FY 2021 One-Pager](#).

In closing, please know that I sincerely appreciate your submitting our FY 2021 priority requests to the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee by the MARCH 13th/APRIL 6th deadline.

Thanks again for meeting with me, and thanks in advance for supporting the key programs used by our Land-grant universities to feed, fuel, and clothe the world.

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Thanks for your continued assistance. We continue to face an extremely challenging federal funding situation that can ONLY be overcome through your sustained and cohesive advocacy.

If you have any questions or need any help with the process, please let us know.

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