



**MARCY KAPTUR**

**9TH DISTRICT, OHIO**

March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

It is a pleasure serving with you on the Committee on Appropriations, I value your leadership. I am requesting funding for the ARS Greenhouse Research Facility on Controlled Environment Agriculture; Toledo, OH project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Toledo, located at 2801 W. Bancroft Street Toledo, Ohio 43606. The funding would be used for supporting the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) unit in Toledo, OH by enabling them to expand their work on biologically based projects and supporting new work on controlled environment agriculture (CEA) through the construction of a research greenhouse on the campus of The University of Toledo. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the research to be performed in the greenhouse is authorized under 7 USC Chapter 64, Section 3101 et al to enhance the competitiveness and long-term productivity of the United States agriculture and food industry (in this case greenhouses crop production) in an increasingly competitive world environment. The greenhouse addition would build on work performed since late 2002 by the USDA-ARS Greenhouse Production Research Group in Toledo, OH focused on developing solutions to greenhouse crop production problems, including plant nutrition and the interactions between plant nutrition and biotic and abiotic stress.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marcy Kaptur".

MARCY KAPTUR  
Member of Congress