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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Fresno State - Empowering Californian Agriculture with Autonomous Weeding Technologies in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is California State University, Fresno.

The funding would be used for the acquisition of autonomous weeding precision agriculture equipment to expand access to emerging tools that can help address labor shortages, rising input costs, and persistent weed management challenges facing California agriculture. This investment would establish equipment capacity in a university setting so that farmers, students, and regional partners can better understand the practical use of autonomous weeding technologies for California specialty crop applications and support more informed decision-making, workforce exposure, and long-term agricultural competitiveness in the Central Valley and across California.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(2).

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, appearing to read "Jim Costa".

JIM COSTA  
Member of Congress