



April 22, 2020

Mr. Austin R. Evers
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW
Suite B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is in response to your U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request number (GSA-2020-000597), submitted on March 4, 2020, in which you requested the following:

“All email communications (including emails, complete email chains, and email attachments) that were sent by any of the agency officials listed below to any email address ending in .com / .org / .net / .edu / .mail (including any messages on which such email addresses were copied (CC) or blind copied (BCC)), and that contain any of the following terms anywhere in the email chain:

- “805 Penn”
- “Penn Seven”
- “DST Realty”
- “Broadway Square
- “Kit Bond”
- “Roney”
- “Hulshof”
- “Project Leavitt”
- “115,425”
- “115425”
- “Merriman”
- “Dasta”

GSA Officials:

- i. Michael Copeland, Regional Administrator, Region 6
- ii. Judith Dungan, Senior Advisor, Region 6

U.S General Services Administration
1800 F. Street, Northwest
Washington, DC 20405
Telephone: 1-855-675-FOIA
Fax: (202) 501-2727

- iii. Michael Gelber, current Regional Commissioner and former Deputy Regional Commissioner of the Public Buildings Service, Region 2
- iv. Jeffrey Post, Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
- v. Andrew Blaylock, Congressional Affairs Specialist and Acting Senior Advisor to the Regional Administrator

In an effort to accommodate GSA and reduce the number of responsive records to be processed and produced, Requesters have limited their request to emails sent by the listed GSA officials. To be clear, however, we still request that complete email chains be produced, displaying both the sent messages and the prior received messages in each email chain. This means, for example, that both an agency official's response to an email from a ".com" email address and the initial received message are responsive to this request and should be produced.

Please provide all responsive records from January 1, 2017, through October 25, 2019."

Enclosed please find the documents responsive to your request.

GSA has withheld the cell phone numbers of private individuals pursuant to the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This was done because public disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

As we have redacted information referenced in the above paragraph with the aforementioned FOIA exemption, this technically constitutes a partial denial of your FOIA request. You have the right to appeal the denial of the information being withheld. You may submit an appeal online at the following link (<https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>) or in writing to the following address:

U.S. General Services Administration
FOIA Requester Service Center (H3A)
1800 F Street, NW, Room 7308
Washington, DC 20405

Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of the response to your request. In addition, your appeal must contain a brief statement of the reasons why the requested information should be released. Please enclose a copy of your initial request and this denial. Both the appeal letter and envelope or online appeal submission should be prominently marked, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

This completes our action on this FOIA request. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3078 or by email at travis.lewis@gsa.gov. If you need additional assistance, you may also contact Ms. Audrey Brooks, GSA's FOIA Public Liaison at (202) 205-5912 or via email at audrey.brooks@gsa.gov.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

Travis S. Lewis

Deputy Director
Office of Accountability and Transparency
Office of Administrative Services

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Subject: Re: Secretary Perdue Announces Middle List For ER and NIFA Relocation
Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2019 12:26:18 -0400 **From:** Michael Copeland - 6A
<michael.copeland@gsa.gov> **To:** Judith Dungan - 6A <judy.dungan@gsa.gov>
Message-ID:
<CAC=pQDeKRXTRSDvsRfUkiZYiKiq9GP7xhBtqTu1ief8EMxjAA@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 252f42c9618f2de946685177b9b0ac96

Thank
you.

Michael E. Copeland Regional
Administrator - Heartland Region U. S.
General Services Administration 2300
Main Street Kansas City, MO 64108
Phone (816)
926-7201

On Mar 12, 2019, at 3:15 PM, Judith Dungan - 6A
<judy.dungan@gsa.gov> wrote:

Wanted to make sure you saw
this.

Judy Dungan Senior Advisor to the
Regional Administrator Heartland
Region U. S. General Services
Administration 2300 Main Street, Kansas
City, MO 64108 816.349.1347

Begin forwarded
message:

From: John Topi - 6P1C <john.topi@gsa.gov> **Date:** March 12, 2019 at 1:38:25 PM CDT **To:**

Kevin Rothmier - 6P <kevin.rothmier@gsa.gov> Cc: "&R6 PBS BoD" <r6pbsbod@gsa.gov>, LaShonda Threat <lashonda.threat@gsa.gov>, Judith Dungan - 6A <judy.dungan@gsa.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: Secretary Perdue Announces Middle List For ERS and NIFA Relocation

Kevi
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I didn't see St. Louis listed as one of the remaining sites under consideration, correct?

John T. Topi, P.E.

Director, Design & Construction Division
(6P1C)

Service, GSA

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2300 Main Street, 7th Flr,
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Kansas City, MO 64108

(b) (6) - Mobile

On Tue, Mar 12, 2019 at 1:26 PM Kevin Rothmier - 6P
<kevin.rothmier@gsa.gov> wrote:

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Kevin D. Rothmier Regional
Commissioner (6P)

Public Buildings Service
General Services Administration
2300 Main Street Kansas City,
MO 64108 Office Phone (816)
926-1100

----- Forwarded message ----- From: **Michael Gelber - PD** <michael.gelber@gsa.gov>
Date: Tue, Mar 12, 2019 at 12:51 PM Subject: Fwd: FW: Secretary Perdue Announces Middle
List For ERS and NIFA Relocation To: Stuart Burns - PT <johns.burns@gsa.gov>, Darren
Gomez - 2P <darren.gomez@gsa.gov>, Joanna Rosato <joanna.rosato@gsa.gov>, JD
Dennis - 4P1 <johnm.dennis@gsa.gov>, John Cooke - 5P <john.cooke@gsa.gov>, Kevin
Rothmier <kevin.rothmier@gsa.gov>, Giancarlo Brizzi - M1 <giancarlo.brizzi@gsa.gov>,
Timothy Horne - 8Q <tim.horne@gsa.gov>, Dan Brown <dan.brown@gsa.gov>, Darren Blue -
WP <darren.blue@gsa.gov> Cc: Daniel Mathews - PBS <daniel.mathews@gsa.gov>,
LaFondra Lynch - 4P <lafondra.lynch@gsa.gov>,

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Allison Azevedo <allison.azevedo@gsa.gov>, glenn.rotondo@gsa.gov
<glenn.rotondo@gsa.gov>, Chaun Benjamin <chaun.benjamin@gsa.gov>, Pam Dixon - ZB
<pamela.dixon@gsa.gov>, Amanda Osborn - Z <amanda.osborn@gsa.gov>, Andrew Blaylock
- OCIA <andrew.blaylock@gsa.gov>, Anahita Reilly - AC <anahita.reilly@gsa.gov>, Barry
Segal <barry.segal@gsa.gov>

For
awareness.

Latest news from USDA on proposed relocation of ERS
and NIPA.

----- Forwarded message ----- From: **Donatelli, Angela M.**
EOP/OMB <Angela_M._Donatelli@omb.eop.gov> Date: Tue, Mar 12, 2019

at 10:24 AM Subject: FW: Secretary Perdue Announces Middle List For
ERS and NIFA Relocation To: Michael Gelber - PD
<michael.gelber@gsa.gov>

Sharing for
awareness.

From: USDA Office of Communications <usda@public.govdelivery.com> **Sent:**
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 9:23 AM **To:** Stein, Nora H. EOP/OMB
<Nora_Stein@omb.eop.gov> **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Secretary Perdue Announces
Middle List For ERS and NIFA Relocation

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Press Release

(Washington, D.C., March 12, 2019) – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced the initial down-

select list of [136 Expressions of Interest received from parties in 35 states](#) vying to become the new homes of the U.S.

Department of Agriculture (USDA) Economic Research Service (ERS) and National Institute of Food and Agriculture

(NIFA). USDA is following a [rigorous site selection process](#) to identify the new locations with involvement from USDA,

ERS, and NIFA leadership.

“The announcement of this middle list shows that we are committed to the important missions of these agencies and transparency in our selection process. USDA will make the best choice for our employees and customers,” Perdue said.

“Relocation will help ensure that USDA is the most effective, most efficient, and most customer-focused agency in the federal government, allowing us to be closer to our stakeholders and move our resources closer to our customers.”

For this initial down-select, USDA applied a set of guiding principles against the Expressions of Interest locations including

USDA travel requirements, labor force statistics, work hours most compatible with all USDA office schedules. Sixty-seven

Expressions of Interest remain under consideration.

The complete list of Expressions of Interest still under consideration is below.

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State Location Applicant(s)

AL Birmingham City of Birmingham; University of

Alabama at Birmingham;
Auburn

University; Tuskegee
University;

Alabama A&M University;
Economic

Development Association of
Alabama

AL Shelby County City of Hoover, Shelby County, 58 INC. –

The Nonprofit Economic
Coalition of
Shelby County, the
Birmingham
Business Alliance, Alabama
Power
Company, Harbert Realty Services,
and
Select Income REIT / RMR
Group

AR Arkansas Arkansas Economic Development

Commissio
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AZ Tempe Arizona Commerce Authority; Arizona

State University and the
Arizona
Department of
Agriculture

CO Aurora Aurora Economic Development Council

CO Denver Cottonwood Management Company

CO Denver Forest City Trust

CO Denver Metro Denver Economic Development

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DE Newark University of Delaware

FL Tallahassee Tallahassee-Leon County

GA Athens-Clarke County Athens-Clarke County Development

Authority and Nichols
Land &
Investment Company and
Georgia
Department of Economic
Development

GA Griffin Spalding County Griffin-Spalding Development

Authority, Rooker, UGA and
Georgia
Department of Economic
Development

IA Ames City of Ames and Iowa State University

IA Ankeny City of Ankeny/ Greater Des Moines

Partnership, Cultivation Corridor,
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IA Ankeny DRA Properties

IA Des Moines City of Des Moines; Greater Des Moines

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IA Council Bluffs Advance Southwest Iowa Corporation;

City of Council Bluffs,
Pottawattamie

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IL Algonquin Village of Algonquin

IL Barrington Village of Barrington; Bourns Inc

IL Des Plaines City of Des Plaines

IL DuPage County Economic Development Agency for

DuPage County,
Illinois

IL Huntley Village of Huntley

IL Kane County Kane County

IL Orland Park Orland Park, State of Illinois, Will

County, Illinois Intersect and the
Will

County Center for
Economic

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IL Schaumburg Village of Schaumburg

IL Warrenville NAI Hiffman

IN Multiple Indiana Economic Development

Corporation; AgriNovus Indiana,
the

Indiana State Department of
Agriculture
(ISDA) and Purdue
University

KS and MO Kansas City HPI Group

KS and MO Kansas City 805 Penn

KS and MO Greater Kansas City Region The Kansas City Area Development

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LA Baton Rouge The Baton Rouge Area Chamber (BRAC),

along with partners Louisiana
Economic
Development (LED), Baton Rouge
Area
Foundation (BRAAF),
Louisiana
Department of Agriculture &
Forestry
(LDAF), Louisiana State University
(LSU),
and Southern University
and &
Mechanical College (SUAM)
Agricultural

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MD Montgomery County Montgomery County Economic

Development
Corporation

MD College Park University of Maryland College Park

MI East Lansing Michigan State University, State of

Michigan, Capital Region
International

Airport (LAN), Greater
Lansing

Convention and Visitors Bureau,
Lansing

Economic Area Partnership
(LEAP),

Lansing Regional
Chamber of

Commerce, Michigan
Economic

Development Corporation and
Michigan

Farm
Bureau

MN Falcon Heights Buhl Investors

MN Minneapolis University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

Saint Paul Regional
Economic

Development Partnership
(GREATER

MSP), and the Minnesota Food
and

Agriculture
Initiative

MN Shakopee The Opus Group

MO St. Louis A consortium of regional leaders across

six counties in Missouri and
Illinois;

State of Missouri and
Missouri's

Departments of Agriculture,
Economic

Development, and
Workforce

Development, as well as the
Missouri

Partnershi
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NC Kannapolis The North Carolina Research Campus;

the city of Kannapolis, Cabarrus
and

Rowan Counties, and the state of
North

Carolin
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NC Chapel Hill State Employee Credit Union

NC Research Triangle Region Wake County, Durham County and

Research Triangle
Park

NE Lincoln The Nebraska consortium, led by

Governor Pete Ricketts and
former

USDA Secretary Mike Johanns
and

including the State of
Nebraska,

University of Nebraska system,
City of

Lincoln, Nebraska Innovation
Campus

Development Corporation,
Nebraska

Department of Economic

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Development,
Nebraska Department of
Agriculture,

Nebraska Chamber of
Commerce,
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce,
Omaha
Chamber of Commerce, and public
and
private
business

NE Omaha SPW Partners G and S and CBRE MEGA

NY Greater Rochester FLX Food and Beverage Consortium is

led by Greater Rochester
Enterprise, a
not-for-profit economic
development
organization. Members of
the
Consortium include Cornell
University
and the Cornell University
College of
Agriculture and Life Sciences;
the
Cornell Agriculture and
Technology
Farm; Empire State Development;
the
New York State Department
of
Agriculture and Markets; the New

York

State Governor's Office;
Rochester

Institute of Technology;
Tompkins

County Area Development;
the

University of Rochester; and
Wegmans

Food Markets
Inc.

OH Akron County of Summit

OH Geauga County Geauga County Department of

Developme
nt

OH Middlefield Village Village of Middlefield

OH Twinsburg City of Twinsburg

OH Streetsboro City of Streetsboro

OH Portage County Brimfield Township

PA Hanover Township Private Citizen

SC Columbia State of South Carolina (including;

South Carolina Department
of

Commerce, Clemson University,
South

Carolina Department of Agriculture,
and

Richland County's
Economic

Development
Office)

TN Knoxville University of Tennessee,

Knoxville/University of
Tennessee

Institute of Agriculture
(UTK/UTIA);

University of Tennessee, Martin
(UTM);

Tennessee State University (TSU);
and

Oak Ridge National Laboratory
(ORNL)

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TN Memphis Agricenter International

TX San Marcos Greater San Marcos Partnership; San

Marcos, Hays County and Texas
State

Universit
y

TX College Station Texas A&M AgriLife Research

TX Dallas HPI Group

UT Tooele County Governor's Office of Economic

Development, Tooele County,
Tooele

City, Utah State University, and
the

Economic Development
Corporation of

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VA Charlottesville University of Virginia Foundation

VA Greene County County of Greene; Central Virginia

Partnership in Economic
Development;

Virginia Economic
Development

Partnership; Fried Companies,
Inc;

Jones Lang
LaSalle

VA Madison County Madison County; The Lester Group

VA Caroline County Thompson (Richmond)

VA Caroline County Caroline County Department of

Economic
Development

VA Petersburg Virginia State University and the

Petersburg metropolitan
region

VA Richmond The Riverstone Group, LLC

VA Roanoke Roanoke Regional Partnership

WI Madison City of Madison, the University of

Wisconsin—Madison
College of
Agricultural & Life Sciences

(CALS),
University of Wisconsin–Madison
Office
of University Relations,
University
Research Park, State of
Wisconsin
Department of Agriculture, Trade
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relocation@usda.gov.

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Region 6, Public Buildings Service, GSA (816)

257-6699 david.rumsey@gsa.gov

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Subject: Re: RELEASE: Norton, Hoyer Lead Letter Questioning USDA Plans to Relocate Offices

Outside the National Capital Region **Date:** Wed, 15 May 2019 03:10:57 +0000 **From:** Matt Roney <matt@kitbond.com> **To:** Judith Dungan - 6A <judy.dungan@gsa.gov> **Message-ID:** <E0A87511-410A-46C4-AED7-9424266A021D@kitbond.com> **MD5:** b00ee0b0e78efe365e1e7f7052e383d0

Thank
s.

Sent from my
iPhone

On May 14, 2019, at 9:14 PM, Judith Dungan - 6A
<judy.dungan@gsa.gov> wrote:

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Judy Dungan Senior Advisor to the
Regional Administrator Heartland
Region U. S. General Services
Administration 2300 Main Street, Kansas
City, MO 64108 816.349.1347

Begin forwarded
message:

From: Kevin Rothmier - 6P <kevin.rothmier@gsa.gov> **Date:** May 14, 2019 at 8:25:55 PM CDT **To:** Mike Copeland - 6A <michael.copeland@gsa.gov>, Judith Dungan - 6A <judy.dungan@gsa.gov> **Subject:** Fwd: RELEASE: Norton, Hoyer Lead Letter Questioning USDA Plans to Relocate Offices Outside the National Capital Region

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----- Forwarded message ----- From: **Michael Gelber - PD** <michael.gelber@gsa.gov>
Date: Tue, May 14, 2019, 1:06 PM Subject: Fwd: RELEASE: Norton, Hoyer Lead Letter
Questioning USDA Plans to Relocate Offices Outside the National Capital Region To: Seyi
Gbadegesin - PAAA <seyi.gbadegesin@gsa.gov>, Tiffany Simon - PAAA
<tiffany.simon@gsa.gov> Cc: Stuart Burns - PT <johns.burns@gsa.gov>, Chad Gilchrist - PT
<chad.gilchrist@gsa.gov>, Allison Azevedo <allison.azevedo@gsa.gov>, JD Dennis - 4P1
<johnm.dennis@gsa.gov>, John Cooke - 5P <john.cooke@gsa.gov>, Kevin Rothmier
<kevin.rothmier@gsa.gov>, Pam Dixon - ZB <pamela.pennington@gsa.gov>, Anahita Reilly -
AC <anahita.reilly@gsa.gov>, Barry Segal <barry.segal@gsa.gov>

For
awareness.

----- Forwarded message ----- From: **Andrew Blaylock - S**
<andrew.blaylock@gsa.gov> Date: Tue, May 14, 2019, 13:55 Subject: Fwd: RELEASE:
Norton, Hoyer Lead Letter Questioning USDA Plans to Relocate Offices Outside the National
Capital Region To: Daniel Mathews - P <daniel.mathews@gsa.gov>, Michael Gelber - PD
<michael.gelber@gsa.gov>, Stuart Burns - PT <stuart.burns@gsa.gov>, Chad Gilchrist - PTN
<chad.gilchrist@gsa.gov>, Darren Blue - WP <darren.blue@gsa.gov>, Chris Wisner - PR
<chris.wisner@gsa.gov>, Ivan Swain <ivan.swain@gsa.gov>, Dawn Stalter - BPA
<dawn.stalter@gsa.gov>, LaFondra Lynch - 4P <lafondra.lynch@gsa.gov>

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Cc: Jeff Post - A <jeffrey.post@gsa.gov>, Tyler Menzler - S
<tyler.menzler@gsa.gov>

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Andrew Blaylock

Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
U.S. General Services Administration 1800 F

Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.
20405 Office: 202.969.7189 Email:
Andrew.Blalock@gsa.gov

May 14, 2019 Contact: Jack
Miller – 202-225-8050

Norton, Hoyer Lead Letter Questioning USDA Plans to Relocate Offices Outside the National Capital Region

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) and Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-MD) released a letter today they led to Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue expressing concern regarding the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) proposal to move the Economic Research Service (ERS) and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) out of the National Capital Region. The current headquarters facility for NIFA is in General Services Administration (GSA) leased space in Washington, D.C. The letter questions the legality of the proposed USDA move, as well as the rationale and process of the proposal, and requests that USDA refrain from taking further action until the outstanding questions around this proposal are addressed to the satisfaction of the committees of jurisdiction. It is signed by the entire National Capital Region congressional delegation, including Senators Benjamin Cardin (D-MD), Mark Warner (D-VA), Tim Kaine (D-VA), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), and Representatives Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD), John Sarbanes (D-MD), Gerry Connolly (D-VA), Don Beyer (D-VA), Anthony Brown (D-MD), Jamie Raskin (D-MD), David Trone (D-MD), and Jennifer Wexton (D-VA).

"This proposal is particularly troubling as the Office of the Inspector General has called for delaying the USDA's plans and Congress has requested, but not received,

additional information,” Norton said. “Until Congress has been consulted, it would be foolhardy to move forward with the potentially illegal action of moving the ERS and NIFA.”

“I remain extremely opposed to the proposal to relocate the Economic Research Service and National Institute of Food and Agriculture outside of the National Capital Region,” Hoyer said. “This relocation threatens to undermine the important work of these agencies and disrupt the lives of hundreds of federal employees and their families. Until USDA fully and satisfactorily explains the reasons for this move, the legal authority it has to commit to a new lease, the steps it has taken to ensure that the effectiveness of these agencies will be strengthened – not weakened – and the cost-benefit analysis underlying its actions, USDA should not move forward with the relocation.”

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In the letter Members wrote, “The USDA has cited three reasons for its proposal to move ERS and NIFA away from the nation’s capital but has supplied insufficient evidence to support the accuracy of those reasons. You specifically cited the USDA’s inability to attract and retain highly qualified staff, a need to place USDA resources closer to stakeholders and to reduce costs of employees and real estate.” The lack of answers from USDA is particularly concerning.

The full text of the letter can be read here: [May](#)

13, 2019

The Honorable Sonny
Perdue Secretary U.S.
Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave.
SW Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary

Perdue:

As Members of the National Capital Region, we write to express our concern regarding the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) proposal to move the Economic Research Service (ERS) and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) out of the National Capital Region and reorganize ERS under the Office of the Secretary. The current headquarters facility for NIFA is in General Services Administration (GSA) leased space in Washington, D.C. Essential questions regarding the legality of the proposal, the rationale for the proposal and the process used to develop the proposal remain unanswered, and we ask that you refrain from moving forward with the proposal unless and until these questions have been answered to the satisfaction of the committees of jurisdiction.

The USDA issued a Notice of Request for Expression of Interest (RFEI) for Potential Sites to relocate ERS and NIFA on August 15, 2018, but did so without a clear determination that the USDA has the legal authority to relocate an agency without congressional approval or the budget authority to acquire the real estate necessary to execute the move of these two agencies. In a highly unusual decision, the USDA decided to issue its RFEI under its own authority rather than under the leasing authority of GSA and to state its view that the scope of the RFEI encompassed the entire country. However, even if the USDA's leasing authority would provide adequate legal authority for a long-term lease agreement, a much larger question surrounds whether the USDA has the budget authority to proceed with this move. Section 717(a) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-141) prohibits the expenditure of funds for the relocation of an office or employees or the reorganization of offices, programs or activities unless the House and Senate Appropriations Committees are given written notice and grant approval 30 days before funds are reprogrammed for those purposes. USDA's plan, which has not been approved by appropriators, would both relocate employees and reorganize an office by moving ERS into the Office of the Secretary.

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has issued a report that makes clear that several federal agencies have incorrectly determined that their independent real estate leasing authority grants them the ability to sign long-term lease agreements without accompanying budget authority. We believe that the USDA may be similarly mistaken. On August 30, 2018, Democratic members of the House Appropriations Committee wrote to you expressing their concern about the move and requested more information from the USDA about the justification for the move. We share these

concerns and believe that a proposal of this magnitude should not be allowed to move forward while such fundamental questions remain unanswered.

In a May 6, 2019, meeting with staff of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies and staff of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Subcommittee on Economic

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Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, USDA noted that it has recently decided to use GSA's leasing authority going forward. While USDA indicated that it has been in contact with GSA regarding this proposal at various points throughout the year, we are concerned that GSA was not formally involved in this process until this month, nine months after USDA's initial announcement of its intention to relocate ERS and NIFA, and a time when USDA's short list of areas for relocation had already been selected. The USDA's tardy decision to use GSA's leasing authority without moving through the standard GSA procurement process from the beginning of this relocation effort is particularly troubling.

The USDA has cited three reasons for its proposal to move ERS and NIFA away from the nation's capital but has supplied insufficient evidence to support the accuracy of those reasons. You specifically cited the USDA's inability to attract and retain highly qualified staff, a need to place USDA resources closer to stakeholders and to reduce costs of employees and real estate. However, as recently as January 9, 2018, GSA submitted a prospectus on behalf of the USDA proposing the continued housing of NIFA in Washington, D.C., USDA's home since the 1800s and the hub of a workforce that ranks among the most highly educated in the nation. Since that submission, USDA has provided no evidence that it has had difficulty recruiting and retaining ERS and NIFA staff. Similarly, USDA has not provided the explanation for why ERS and NIFA, as opposed to other USDA agencies, need to move close to stakeholders and leave the Washington, D.C. area.

Finally, we are deeply concerned that the process used to develop USDA's relocation proposal may have omitted critical considerations. It is unclear whether a robust cost-benefit analysis was completed to justify relocation of two vital federal

agencies. In fact, the proposed relocation may result in considerable harm to USDA. A number of press reports have indicated that USDA officials believe that many ERS and NIFA officials will choose not to relocate and that this potential relocation could deprive the agencies of many of their top economists and scientists with specialized knowledge.

In response to the many concerns enumerated in this letter, the USDA Office of Inspector General (OIG) began a review of USDA's relocation and reorganization proposal for ERS and NIFA in November of 2018. The scope of the OIG review includes: (1) a determination of USDA's legal and budgetary authority to undertake its proposed relocation of the agencies and realignment of ERS, and (2) a determination of USDA's adherence to any established procedures relating to agency realignment and relocation and procedures associated with cost-benefit analysis. This review is ongoing.

The explanatory statement accompanying the enacted FY 2019 appropriations bill echoed these concerns and directed the USDA to provide cost estimates and a detailed analysis of any research benefits of the proposed relocation of ERS and NIFA when the FY 2020 budget was submitted to Congress. House Appropriations staff have indicated that this information was not submitted when it was due and still has not been received. The report language also expressed support for an indefinite delay of the proposed transfer of ERS to the Office of the Chief Economist, deeming both the proposed reorganization and relocation of ERS premature given the lack of information and justification for the proposal.

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Sincerely,
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I didn't see St. Louis listed as one of the remaining sites under consideration,
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University; Alabama A&M

University; Economic

Development Association of

Alabama

AL Shelby County

City of Hoover, Shelby County,

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Economic Coalition of Shelby

County, the Birmingham

Business Alliance, Alabama

Power Company, Harbert Realty

Services, and Select Income REIT

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AR Arkansas Arkansas Economic

Development Commission

AZ Tempe

Arizona Commerce Authority;

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Development
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 Economic Development
 IL Schaumburg Village of Schaumburg
 IL Warrenville NAI Hiffman
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 Indiana Economic Development
 Corporation; AgriNovus Indiana,
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 Agriculture (ISDA) and Purdue
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 Development Council
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(LEAP), Lansing Regional
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Michigan Economic
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Michigan Farm Bureau
MN Falcon Heights Buhl Investors
MN Minneapolis
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Minneapolis Saint Paul Regional
Economic Development
Partnership (GREATER MSP),
and the Minnesota Food and
Agriculture Initiative
MN Shakopee The Opus Group
MO St. Louis
A consortium of regional leaders
across six counties in Missouri
and Illinois; State of Missouri
and Missouri's Departments of
Agriculture, Economic
Development, and Workforce
Development, as well as the
Missouri Partnership
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The North Carolina Research
Campus; the city of Kannapolis,
Cabarrus and Rowan Counties,
and the state of North Carolina
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NC Research Triangle Region Wake County, Durham County

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Richland

County's
Economic

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VA Caroline County Thompson (Richmond)

VA Caroline County Caroline County Department of
Economic Development

VA Petersburg Virginia State University and the Petersburg metropolitan region

VA Richmond The Riverstone Group, LLC

VA Roanoke Roanoke Regional Partnership

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of Agricultural & Life Sciences
(CALIS), University of
Wisconsin—Madison Office of
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IL Schaumburg Village of Schaumburg
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Montgomery County
Montgomery County Economic
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MD College Park
University of Maryland College
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MI East Lansing
Michigan State University, State
of Michigan, Capital Region
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Greater Lansing Convention and
Visitors Bureau, Lansing
Economic Area Partnership
(LEAP), Lansing Regional
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A consortium of regional leaders
across six counties in Missouri
and Illinois; State of Missouri
and Missouri's Departments of
Agriculture, Economic
Development, and Workforce
Development, as well as the
Missouri Partnership

NC Kannapolis

The North Carolina Research
Campus; the city of Kannapolis,
Cabarrus and Rowan Counties,
and the state of North Carolina

NC Chapel Hill State Employee Credit Union

NC Research Triangle Region Wake County, Durham County

and Research Triangle Park

NE Lincoln

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Clemson University, South
Carolina Department of
Agriculture, and Richland
County's Economic
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