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**RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request 2019-DA-02446-F
Interim No. 4**

Dear Mr. Wood:

This correspondence and the accompanying records constitute the Departmental FOIA Office's (DFO) fourth interim response for FOIA request **2019-DA-02446-F**.

This interim also responds to the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Agriculture*, Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-01201 currently pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

The pending Complaint in the above-referenced matter is based on USDA's alleged failure to comply with the applicable time-limits provisions of the FOIA in response to American Oversight's (AO) request for the following:

1. All records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, or WhatsApp), telephone call logs, calendar invitations, calendar entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) with Senator David Perdue or any person who works for Senator Perdue, including any person using an email address ending in perdue.senate.gov.

Please produce responsive records of the following individuals and offices:

- a) All political appointees in the Immediate Office of the Secretary, including Secretary Perdue
 - b) All political appointees in the Office of Congressional Relations
 - c) Farm Service Agency Georgia State Executive Director Talmadge Smith
 - d) USDA Rural Development Georgia State Director Joyce White
2. All records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, or WhatsApp), telephone call logs, calendar invitations,

calendar entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) between or among (a) any political appointee in the Immediate Office of the Secretary, including Secretary Perdue, and (b) any of the following individuals and entities or any person acting on their behalf:

- a) Jose “Pepe” Fanjul Jr.
- b) Jose “Pepe” Fanjul Sr.
- c) Alfonso “Alfie” Fanjul Jr.
- d) Florida Crystals Corporation (including but not limited to any person using an email address ending in floridacrystals.com)
- e) Fanjul Corp.
- f) Becker & Poliakoff (including but not limited to any person using an email address ending in bplegal.com)
- g) Smith & Boyette, including Van Boyette

Please produce all responsive records from January 20, 2017 through the date of search.

Your request has been processed under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552. This interim response addresses items one and two of your request.

Search Efforts

An initial search for responsive records was conducted by our telecommunications provider, the Client Experience Center (CEC). The CEC provides comprehensive, fee-for-service information technology (IT) associated operations, security, and technical support services to USDA end users. The CEC also implements and manages enterprise IT solutions for users Department-wide. The CEC located several hundred pages of records potentially responsive to your request, and 103 of those pages were provided to you in the DFO’s first interim response on July 31. On August 12, a second interim response of 182 pages was provided. On September 27 an additional 250 pages were provided in a third interim release. You are being provided with a fourth interim response of 334 pages; these pages are Bates Stamped 00536 – 00869.

The DFO has determined that certain information contained therein should be withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(4), (b)(5), and (b)(6) (FOIA Exemptions 4, 5 and 6). Below is an explanation of the information withheld.

Application of 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(4) “FOIA Exemption 4”

FOIA Exemption 4 protects from disclosure “trade secrets and commercial or financial information...that is privileged or confidential.” The information withheld under Exemption 4 consists of confidential business information, specifically payroll data, owned by Mascot Pecan Shelling Co., Inc. Additionally, bank information has been withheld under Exemption 4.

Application of 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(5) “FOIA Exemption 5”

FOIA Exemption 5 protects from disclosure those “inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency.” FOIA Exemption 5 protects from disclosure privileged information under the deliberative process privilege.

To fall within FOIA’s deliberative process privilege, the records must be both pre-decisional and deliberative; the records must precede the adoption of an agency policy and include the opinions, recommendations, or deliberations on a legal or policy matter. In this instance, the DFO is withholding, under the deliberative process privilege, pre-decisional discussions contained in email communications between USDA employees.

Application of 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) “FOIA Exemption 6”

FOIA Exemption 6 permits the government to withhold information regarding individuals in “personnel, medical and similar files” when the disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and where such privacy interests outweigh any public interest which would be advanced by disclosure. For purposes of the FOIA, the public interest is advanced when disclosure of the requested information educates the public about the activities of the government.

Portions of the records produced as a result of the CEC’s search were withheld under FOIA Exemption 6. These items include cellular phone numbers, unpublished office numbers and emails, conference call access codes, information related to retirement, the names of job applicants and interviewees, personal information concerning individuals’ friends and families, and loan application details of private individuals. This information qualifies as “similar files” because it is information in which individuals have a privacy interest. Release of the cellular phone numbers and unpublished office numbers and emails could subject individuals to unwarranted or unsolicited communications. Release of the conference call access codes could allow an uninvited person access to private information. Release of the names of the job applicants could cause embarrassment to unsuccessful applicants. With regard to the other items, all are purely personal in nature and do not advance one’s understanding of the government’s operations.

Because there is a viable privacy interest that would be threatened by disclosure, Exemption 6 authorizes this office to withhold the information. Accordingly, we have determined that the public interest in the information’s release does not outweigh the overriding privacy interests in keeping it confidential.

Please note that the responsive records include information that originated with or pertains to USDA’s Rural Development (RD) agency. The DFO consulted RD regarding its equities. The withheld information is redacted with overlay text indicating the agency to which it pertains and the exemptions asserted.

Hart Wood

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The DFO's review of potentially responsive records is still ongoing. In light of the matter *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Agriculture*, Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-01201 currently pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, administrative appeal rights are not being provided in this response letter.

If you have any questions or concerns about this interim response or the pending civil action, please contact Ms. Denise Clark, Assistant United States Attorney, Civil Division, U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia at Denise.Clark@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

Alexis Graves
Departmental FOIA Officer
Office of the General Counsel

Enclosure: Responsive Records (334 pages)

From: [Wilson, Erin E. - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Fink, Katherine - FNS](#); [Carter, Scott - FNS](#); [Randall, Kiev - FNS](#)
Bcc: [will_stafford@roberts.senate.gov](#); [daniel_ulmer@hydesmith.senate.gov](#); [katelyn_conner@mcconnell.senate.gov](#); [Skylar_Sowder@boozman.senate.gov](#); [brita_endrud@hoeven.senate.gov](#); [michael_dolch@ernst.senate.gov](#); [andrew_brandt@grassley.senate.gov](#); [Lynn_Tjeerdsma@thune.senate.gov](#); [jessica_clowser@fischer.senate.gov](#); [dan_gerig@daines.senate.gov](#); [daniel_hale@perdue.senate.gov](#); [Adrienne_Wojciechowski@leahy.senate.gov](#); [jonathan_mccracken@brown.senate.gov](#); [anne_knapke@klobuchar.senate.gov](#); [patrick_donovan@bennet.senate.gov](#); [eric_deeble@gillibrand.senate.gov](#); [chase_kitchen@donnelly.senate.gov](#); [Jared_Henderson@heikamp.senate.gov](#); [Adam_Tarr@casey.senate.gov](#); [adam_schiff@smith.senate.gov](#); [carson.middleton@mail.house.gov](#); [taylor.andreae@mail.house.gov](#); [aaron.bill@mail.house.gov](#); [nick.rockwell@mail.house.gov](#); [jonathan.hirte@mail.house.gov](#); [elani.murphy@mail.house.gov](#); [alex.osborne@mail.house.gov](#); [kevin.okeefe@mail.house.gov](#); [domonique.yantko@mail.house.gov](#); [miriam.fry@mail.house.gov](#); [hugh.fike@mail.house.gov](#); [Chris.Grawien@mail.house.gov](#); [patrick.hester@mail.house.gov](#); [marek.laco@mail.house.gov](#); [kenneth.clifford@mail.house.gov](#); [zellie.duvall@mail.house.gov](#); [hallie.pence@mail.house.gov](#); [Darcy.mclaughlin@mail.house.gov](#); [marydee.beal@mail.house.gov](#); [Tanner.Tempel@mail.house.gov](#); [ben.jordon@mail.house.gov](#); [John.wilson@mail.house.gov](#); [evan.chatman@mail.house.gov](#); [ian.staples@mail.house.gov](#); [norma.salazar@mail.house.gov](#); [alexa.combelic@mail.house.gov](#); [felix.muniz@mail.house.gov](#); [Tom.Clancy@mail.house.gov](#); [seth.maiman@mail.house.gov](#); [Jean.Roseme@mail.house.gov](#); [sarah.round@mail.house.gov](#); [chay.halbert@mail.house.gov](#); [evan.smith@mail.house.gov](#); [katherine.stewart@mail.house.gov](#); [Alexander.krupnick@mail.house.gov](#); [brian.kaissi@mail.house.gov](#); [Tony.Hobbs@mail.house.gov](#); [Elba.castro@mail.house.gov](#); [Elizabeth.connolly@mail.house.gov](#); [Mandy.Schaumburg@mail.house.gov](#); [Kathlyn.Ehl@mail.house.gov](#); [Jake.Middlebrooks@mail.house.gov](#); [Robert_Rosado@ag.senate.gov](#); [Katherine_Thomas@ag.senate.gov](#); [tom.obrien@mail.house.gov](#); [Martha.Foley@mail.house.gov](#); [Elizabeth_Dent@appro.senate.gov](#); [Dianne_Nellor@appro.senate.gov](#); [Carrie.Hughes@mail.house.gov](#); [Alex.Payne@mail.house.gov](#)
Subject: Notice of Publication: WIC Study Reports
Date: Thursday, October 11, 2018 11:47:30 AM

Good morning,

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) published today the following reports concerning the WIC program:

WIC Food Package Cost Report, Fiscal Year 2014

[Click here](#) to access the report on the FNS website.

WIC Participant and Program Characteristics 2016: Food Package Report

[Click here](#) to access the report on the FNS website.

Please let me know if you have any questions, thank you!

Best,

Erin Wilson

Office of Congressional Relations
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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Greg Turton](#)
Cc: kathy_burns@perdue.senate.gov
Subject: RE: Southern Fiber Worx - Greg Turton
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 4:04:39 PM

Hi Greg: You are so kind. I'm checking my schedule to see if I can make the trip. I was trying to arrange for a couple of stops while I'm heading south. I'll let you know as soon as I get some confirmations.

Joyce White, State Director
 USDA Rural Development
 355 E. Hancock Avenue, Ste. 300
 Athens, GA 30601
 Office (b) (6)
 Cell (b) (6)

From: Greg Turton [mailto:(b) (6)@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 4:30 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>; 'Burns, Kathy (Perdue)' <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Southern Fiber Worx - Greg Turton

I want to reach out to both of you to let you know, I want y'all to still come and see what we have been doing in Cordele for Rural Broadband.

February 6 was mentioned as a possible date. This date is available for me if you could come, or please give me another date that works for you.

Thanks,

Greg B Turton
 1216 E 13th Ave
 Cordele, GA 31015
 (b) (6)
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 229-271-6631 fax

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [<mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 10:15 AM
To: Burns, Kathy (Perdue) <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>; Greg Turton (b) (6)@bellsouth.net>
Subject: RE: Hello

Hello Kathy and Greg: Happy Monday! It's so great when you find out special folks know other special folks and can work together for a common cause!

I was wanting to come to Cordele on February 6, but because of the government shutdown, I am instructed to let everyone know not to count on me for any travel or conference or meeting, until we are back up and running. They allowed us to come in this morning to shut down our computers, cancel meetings, etc. but we can't conduct any other business.

I just wanted to let you both know I may need to hold off and not commit to coming to Cordele until Congress is able to fund the government. I hope you both will have a great week.

Joyce White
State Director, Georgia
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Office (b) (6)

From: Burns, Kathy (Perdue) [mailto:Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 9:48 AM

To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>

Subject: Hello

Hi Joyce,

We are covered in beautiful snow in West Central Georgia this morning. I hope you are doing well and keeping warm.

Greg Turton from Cordele called yesterday and said that he had spoken to you recently. He would like to know if you and I would like to visit him in Cordele to see what he has accomplished with rural broadband. Would you be interested in doing this possibly on Feb 6 at 11:00am? If this date/time isn't good for you he is open to other dates.

Thank you Joyce

Best to you!
Kathy

Kathy Burns
Regional Representative

Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue



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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Re: Article
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 9:07:55 PM

Thanks Chris. I appreciate you sharing this with me.

Take care

Joyce

Sent from Email+ secured by MobileIron

From: "Perkins, Chris (Perdue)" <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 7:53:21 PM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Article

<http://www.newnanceo.com/news/2018/01/nine-communities-designated-rural-zones/>

Sincerely,

Chris Perkins

Field Representative

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Subject: CORRECTION: USDA disaster resources briefing- Hurricane Michael

Date: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 11:28:37 AM

Greetings all,

USDA is hosting a conference call on **Thursday, October 18th at 11AM** to discuss the USDA Disaster Assistance programs available to your constituents as they recover from Hurricane Michael. USDA program experts will provide an overview of each program and answer questions. The call-in number is 888-844-9904 and participant access code is (b) (6).

Best,

Lindsay

Lindsay Moore

Staff Assistant
Office of Congressional Relations
United States Department of Agriculture
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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senator David Perdue: Holding Our Military Hostage Is No Way To Govern
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018 11:26:12 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hello,

Senator Perdue spoke on the Senate floor tonight and I would like to share his comments with you.

As always, if you prefer not to receive these email updates, please let me know so I can respect your wishes.

Very Respectfully,
Kathy Burns



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 18, 2018

Senator David Perdue: Holding Our Military Hostage Is No Way To Govern

*“Don’t tie immigration to funding the government. Our men
and women in uniform deserve better”*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA) spoke on the Senate floor to reiterate that funding the government and solving the DACA situation are two entirely different issues, with two separate deadlines, and should not be tied together as one.

Click [here](#) to watch or click on the image below.



Only In Washington: “It is absolutely ridiculous that we're in the fourth month of this fiscal year, in the middle of January, and we still haven't funded the government for the balance of the year. No other entity that I know of can do this except the United States federal government.”

Two Separate Issues: “The DACA solution and funding the federal government are two issues that we're talking about. They have nothing to do with each other and should not be tied together.”

False Deadlines: “I'm shocked Democrats would advocate for shutting down the government over a bill no one has seen yet and for an issue that has nothing to do with getting the government funded. Creating a false deadline for a DACA solution and using it to hold our military hostage is no way to govern.”

Right Back Here: “If we don't actually solve what created this we're going to be right back here in a few years, and that's the problem I have with the bill that's being discussed here, the so-called Graham-Durbin proposal.”

Defining The Scope: “There was a bipartisan, bicameral meeting in the White House last Tuesday. I was moved by how the President opened up the conversation on immigration. He said we need to develop a compassionate approach to the DACA situation that demonstrates love in dealing with these young people who are here illegally but through no fault of their own. At that meeting, President Trump defined the scope of the negotiations and brought a sense of urgency to this issue.”

Solving DACA: “All we want is to solve DACA and ensure we aren't doing this again in a few short years. That means we need a real investment in border security. We need to put the focus on immediate families of incoming immigrants. We need to end the archaic, outdated

visa lottery.”

Time For Action: “It’s time for action. The American people demand it, but this should not be tied to funding the government. Our men and women in uniform deserve better.”

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Senator Perdue is the only Fortune 500 CEO in Congress and is serving his first term in the United States Senate, where he represents Georgia on the Armed Services, Banking, Budget, and Agriculture Committees.

From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Hayes, Jennifer \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: Tourist Visa For (b) (6) of Nicaragua
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 4:01:24 PM

Hey Jennifer:

Thanks for your help and thank you for (b) (6)

God has a plan.

(b) (6)

Thanks for asking.

(b) (6) would like the letter by January 30, 2018

His full name is (b) (6)

His date of birth is (b) (6)

Nicaragua Passport No. (b) (6)

(b) (6)

It is our hope that the Senators letter and my husband's letter will help him.

(b) (6) e-mail address is (b) (6)

His phone number is (b) (6)

His local number is (b) (6)

I have no idea how you would call that local number.

Thank you for helping.

Joyce

Joyce White
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Office (b) (6)

From: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) [mailto:Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 11:49 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Tourist Visa For (b) (6) of Nicaragua

Hey Joyce,

It is so great to hear from you! I hope you all are doing well and work is going good. We sure do miss you!! (b) (6)

We will be more than happy to send a letter to the consulate on his behalf. We will need his full name, date of birth, passport number and interview date.

Let me know if you have any questions!

Thanks!
 Jennifer

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 10:41 PM
To: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Tourist Visa For (b) (6) of Nicaragua

From: White, Jeff [mailto:(b) (6)@travelport.com]

Hi Jennifer! I pray you and your sweet family are doing great! I think of you and the team so often, and I know y'all are doing wonderful work.

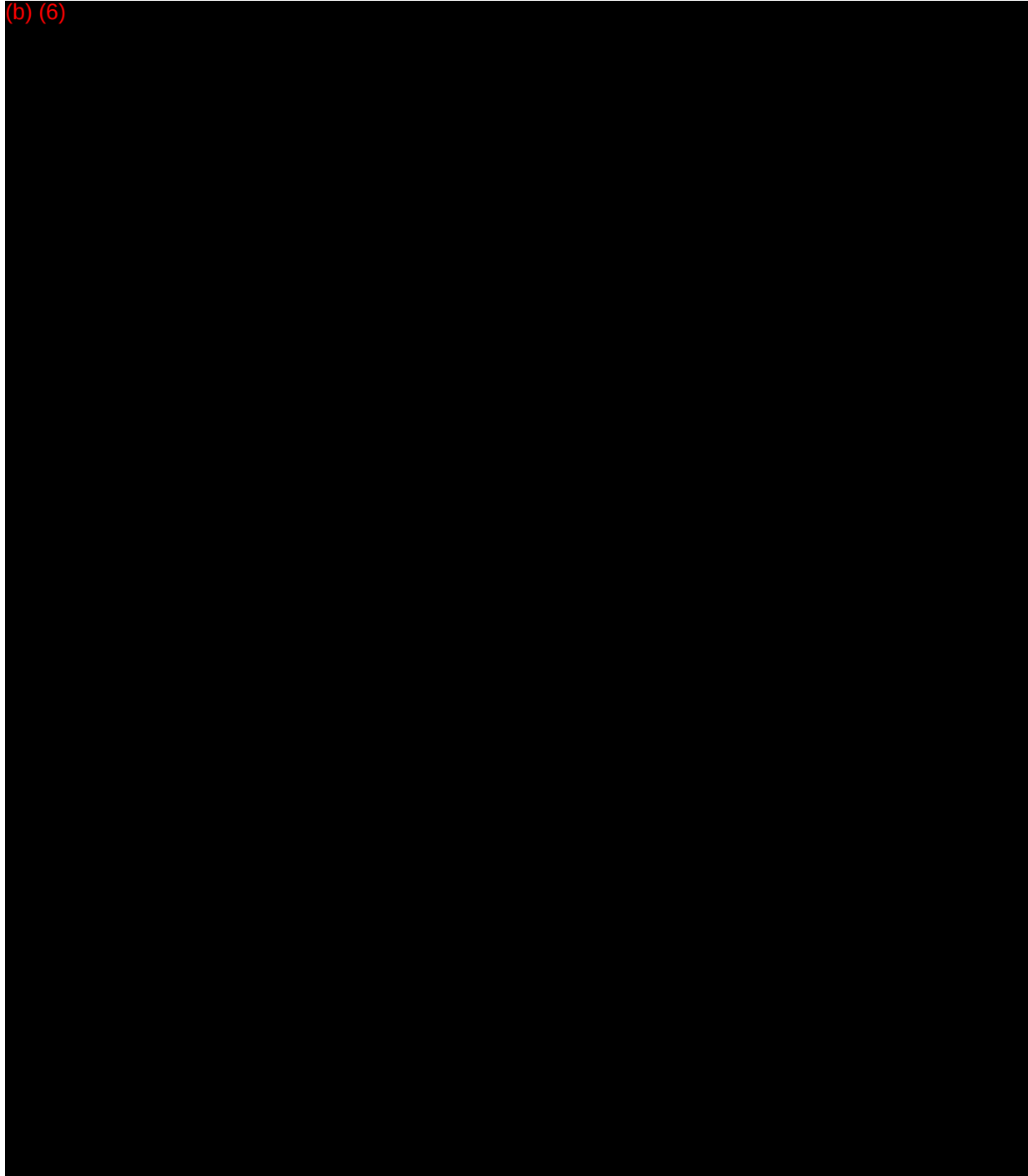
You may remember (b) (6), does a lot of mission work in Nicaragua as did (b) (6) until they got jobs and can't miss as much work. They met this young man (b) (6) about 9 years ago and while others in the village of Pedro Ramos which is about 40 miles west of Chinandega. They saw that (b) (6) was different from the other men in the village in that he wanted his life to account for good and he wanted to help the people of Nicaragua. He is a role model for the younger men of the village.

(b) (6) is seeking to come to the US for two weeks to tour some of Georgia and to thank some of the people he has formed relationships with. He has plans to go back and he will do a medical internship in Nicaragua and will become a doctor there and will try to help the people of his community. He is asking (b) (6) for a letter of sponsorship before January 30 and he will submit the letter to the US embassy in Nicaragua. I just wanted to run this by you before we send the sponsorship letter to Luis.

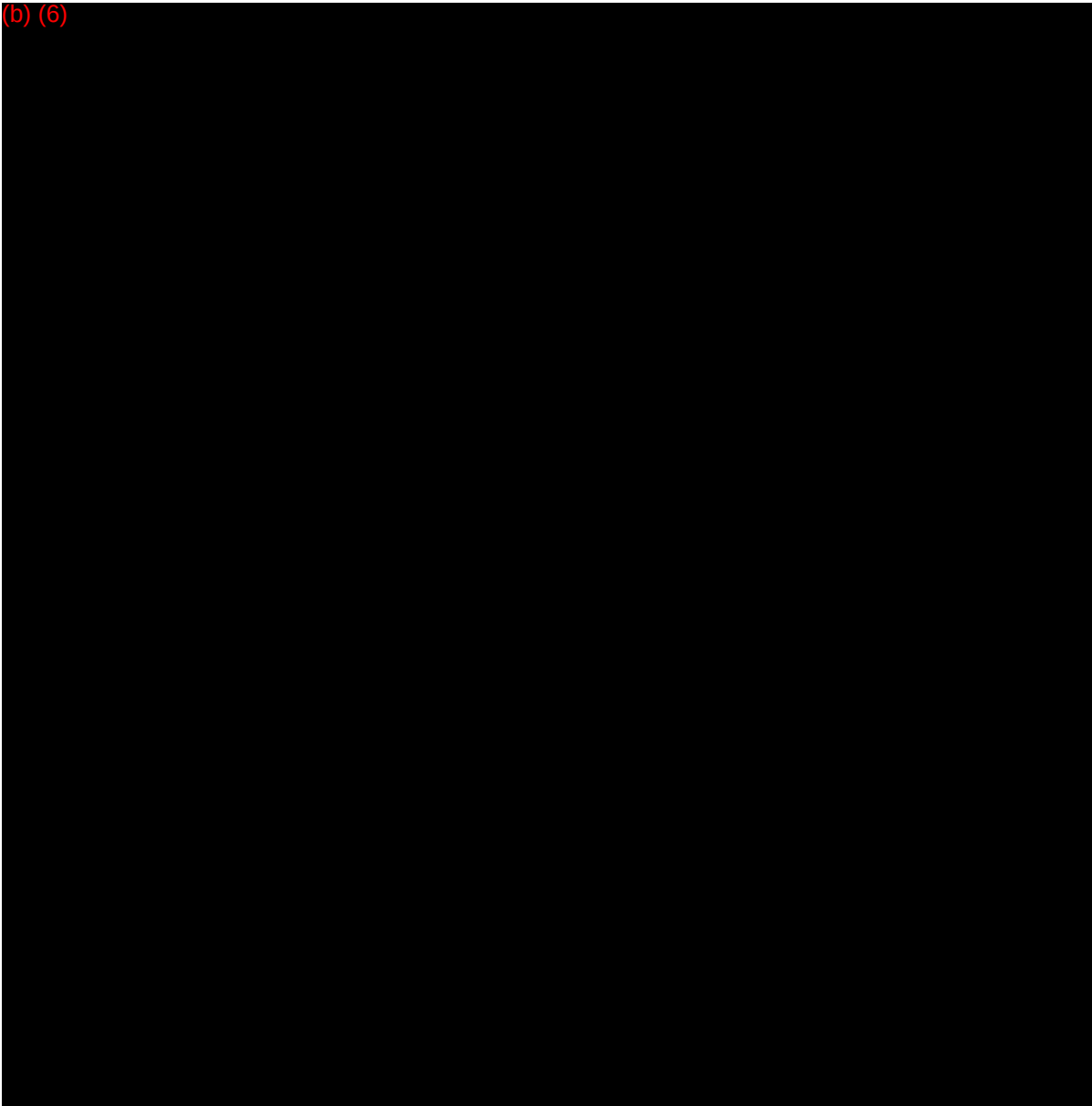
Is there anything else we can do to help (b) (6)? You will see his letter below and if you have time to read it, you will see his heart. It is a miracle he has turned out so well. Let me know your thoughts and I'm happy to do a privacy release if need be. THANK YOU!

Joyce White
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I also have some savings in my account in case something happens there and have to cover some expenses and have to come back as well.

My only wish is to be able to visit, travel and go for a couple of weeks as a tourist, come back to my routine life, do the internship, be a titled Dr and help my similars and community .

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#); [Greg Turton](#)
Subject: RE: Hello
Date: Monday, January 22, 2018 10:15:05 AM

Hello Kathy and Greg: Happy Monday! It's so great when you find out special folks know other special folks and can work together for a common cause!

I was wanting to come to Cordele on February 6, but because of the government shutdown, I am instructed to let everyone know not to count on me for any travel or conference or meeting, until we are back up and running. They allowed us to come in this morning to shut down our computers, cancel meetings, etc. but we can't conduct any other business.

I just wanted to let you both know I may need to hold off and not commit to coming to Cordele until Congress is able to fund the government. I hope you both will have a great week.

Joyce White
 State Director, Georgia
 USDA Rural Development
 355 E. Hancock Ave., Suite 300
 Athens, GA 30601
 Office (b) (6)

From: Burns, Kathy (Perdue) [mailto:Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 9:48 AM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Hello

Hi Joyce,

We are covered in beautiful snow in West Central Georgia this morning. I hope you are doing well and keeping warm.

Greg Turton from Cordele called yesterday and said that he had spoken to you recently. He would like to know if you and I would like to visit him in Cordele to see what he has accomplished with rural broadband. Would you be interested in doing this possibly on Feb 6 at 11:00am? If this date/time isn't good for you he is open to other dates.

Thank you Joyce

Best to you!
 Kathy

Kathy Burns
Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue



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From: [Harrison, Delaney \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Sheriff Talton (b) (6)
Date: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 10:59:42 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Thank you, Joyce!

We think of you often, too!!

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 10:57 AM
To: Harrison, Delaney (Perdue) <Delaney_Harrison@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Sheriff Talton (b) (6)

Hey there! I've been in meetings all morning, but I just called the Sheriff, so all is well.

I hope you are doing great. I think of all of you so often!

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From: Harrison, Delaney (Perdue) [mailto:Delaney_Harrison@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 9:48 AM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Sheriff Talton (b) (6)

Hey Joyce!

I just shot you a text, in case this is not your correct email, but Sheriff Talton, of Houston County just called here and asked if you could call him at (b) (6).

Hope you are doing well! Miss you!



Delaney Harrison

Staff Assistant

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From: [Waldrop, PJ \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Last call for awhile
Date: Thursday, April 27, 2017 9:26:41 AM

Heidi,

I have one issue and a few thank yous to give you if we can talk sometime today.

Thanks,

*PJ Waldrop
Deputy Chief of Staff
U.S. Senator David Perdue
202-224-3521*

From: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC
Bcc: hart.thompson@mail.house.gov; clint_reed@rubio.senate.gov; lauren_reamy@rubio.senate.gov; natalie_rogers@gardner.senate.gov; dustin_sherer@gardner.senate.gov; melanie_lehnhardt@flake.senate.gov; ted_lehman@tillis.senate.gov; Towers_Mingledorff@tillis.senate.gov; jose_borion@mail.house.gov; louise_bentsen@mail.house.gov; Craig.Anderson@mail.house.gov; derrick_dickey@perdue.senate.gov; michael.kirlin@mail.house.gov; Julie.nolan@mail.house.gov; jon.dewitte@mail.house.gov; Trevor.Tenbrink@mail.house.gov; cole.rojewski@mail.house.gov; dylan.chandler@mail.house.gov; kyle.kizzier@mail.house.gov; Hanna.shapiro@mail.house.gov; jason.lawrence@mail.house.gov; tim.baker@mail.house.gov; joe_petzelka@feinstein.senate.gov; Terry_VanDoren@mccconnell.senate.gov; william_henderson@paul.senate.gov; aubrey_vaughan@paul.senate.gov; (b) (6) Ray Starling

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 Timothy Pataki
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Subject: H-2A Agricultural Worker Visa Modernization Joint Cabinet Statement
Date: Thursday, May 24, 2018 9:41:54 AM

Good morning:

This afternoon Secretary Perdue, Secretary Acosta, Secretary Nielsen, and Secretary Pompeo will be issuing a joint statement announcing that our Departments are working in coordination to propose streamlining, simplifying, and improving the H-2A temporary agricultural visa program – reducing cumbersome bureaucracy and ensuring adequate protections for U.S. workers.

The Administration has heard from farmers all over the country and understands that instability in their workforce is one of the top issues that is of concern. Congress created an agricultural guest worker program precisely for farmers who find themselves in this situation. However, the program in its current form is overly bureaucratic, expensive and burdensome.

As the agencies tasked with administering or facilitating the H-2A visa program, and thus closest to farmer and labor stakeholders, the Departments of State, Agriculture, Labor, and Homeland Security are embarking on a process to modernize the H-2A visa program by clarifying and improving the regulations governing the program. We look forward to delivering a more responsive program soon.

We look forward to working with Congress and stakeholders to achieve additional solutions that are unachievable through the regulatory process.

For further details or questions, please contact Kristi Boswell at kristi.boswell@osec.usda.gov

Thank you,

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Joby Young

Chief of Staff – Office of Congressional Relations

United States Department of Agriculture

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From: [Fry, Ben \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Ayres, Ben \(Perdue\)](#)
Cc: [Smith, Mark \(Perdue\)](#); [Seaver, Andrew \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: Deputy Under Secretary Brashears in GA
Date: Friday, February 8, 2019 3:33:34 PM

Thanks for the heads up.

From: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 8, 2019 3:32 PM
To: Fry, Ben (Perdue) <Ben_Fry@perdue.senate.gov>; Ayres, Ben (Perdue) <Ben_Ayres@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Deputy Under Secretary Brashears in GA

Hi Ben and Ben,

I hope you are doing well. I wanted to let you know that Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety Mindy Brashears plans to travel to Georgia next week. She'll be speaking at the NCC and NAMI meetings on Wednesday, February 13th in Atlanta and then visiting the Eastern Laboratory at the Russell Research Center in Athens on Thursday, February 14th. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Thanks,

Lindsay



Lindsay Moore

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From: [Waldrop, PJ \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 3:13:17 PM

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From: [White, Charles \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Cc: [Davis, Karen - Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Re: USDA Value Added Producer Grant question
Date: Monday, July 2, 2018 1:22:29 PM
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Thank you both very much!!

Charles White

(b) (6)

Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue

On Jul 2, 2018, at 11:16 AM, White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov> wrote:

Charles. Karen is Al Burn's supervisor and a Program Director. She knows these programs like the back of her hand. Hope you are well. Happy 4th!

From: "Davis, Karen - Athens, GA" <Karen.Davis@ga.usda.gov>
Date: Monday, July 2, 2018 at 11:07:53 AM
To: "charles_white@perdue.senate.gov" <charles_white@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: USDA Value Added Producer Grant question

Charles,

Joyce asked me to respond to your message. I asked National Office about the proposed date for selections on the Value Added Producer Grant and they are waiting on funds to be available to make the selections. They hope funds will be available this week but I'm concerned with it being a holiday week that it will happen. However, we will contact applicants as soon as the National Office releases the information on selections.

Just FYI, all the applications nationwide compete for these funds. Georgia does not get a State allocation. But our applications have competed successfully in previous years. Hopefully, this year will be no different.

Please let Mr. Paulk know that we don't know the exact date for announcement of selections but appears to be in the near future.

Thank you,

Karen
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From: "White, Charles (Perdue)" <Charles.White@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Friday, June 29, 2018 at 12:11:02 PM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: USDA Value Added Producer Grant question

Hey Joyce!

Can you help on the question below? Happy Friday and hope you have a great weekend!!!

Charles White
(b) (6)
Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue

On Jun 29, 2018, at 11:03 AM, Chris Paulk (b) (6) <[@muscadineproductscor.com](mailto:(b)(6)@muscadineproductscor.com)> wrote:

Hi Charles

I hope you are doing well. I have a quick question I'm hoping you might be able to help me with or point me in the right direction.

We (Muscadine Products Corporation) applied for USDA's Value Added Producer Grant in January, and the advertised announcement date was May 30, 2018. Unfortunately, as of today, nothing has been announced. I

contacted Al Burns with USDA in Tifton a couple of times, but I hate to keep asking him. So, I'm hoping you can help find out when the announcement will be made, or maybe what we can do to help move things along.

I am optimistic about our application. But, just so that we (and others) can get on with business, I'd like to know where we stand with the grant. Please let me know if you have any questions and what I can do to help.

Thank you very much for your help.

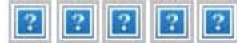
Chris

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From: [White, Charles \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Re: UGA-FSA Grower Meetings
Date: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 3:09:43 PM

Yes sir!

Charles White
(b) (6)
Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue

On Aug 21, 2018, at 3:09 PM, Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA <Tas.Smith@ga.usda.gov> wrote:

Let me call you in a little bit and give you an update. Are you around later this afternoon?

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From: "White, Charles (Perdue)" <Charles_White@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 10:08:52 AM
To: "Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA" <Tas.Smith@ga.usda.gov>
Cc: "Hale, Daniel (Perdue)" <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: UGA-FSA Grower Meetings

Hey Tas,

Are you guys closing the office in Seminole County? I've gotten a couple of calls on this. Thx sir and go dawgs!!

Charles White
(b) (6)
Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue

On Aug 21, 2018, at 8:49 AM, Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA <Tas.Smith@ga.usda.gov> wrote:

Daniel and Charles,

Hope you are doing well.

Wanted to make sure you had the attached information regarding the UGA-FSA grower meetings on the new programs FSA is implementing on disaster, Seed Cotton, and tariffs. Please feel free to distribute as you see fit.

We will have an official flyer available next week. Hope you can join us.

Tas Smith
State Executive Director
Georgia Farm Service Agency, USDA
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From: [Hayes, Jennifer \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Miller, Jannine - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [White, Joyce \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Re: Follow Up
Date: Monday, September 11, 2017 1:01:04 AM

Happy to help in any way! I will keep you all posted as i receive more.

Sincerely,
Jennifer

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Miller, Jannine - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Jannine.Miller@osec.usda.gov>
Date: 9/11/17 12:23 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue)" <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: "White, Joyce (Perdue)" <Joyce_White@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Follow Up

Hi Jennifer,

Thank you so much for passing along the request to State. It's such a blessing to have devoted public servants such as yourself, bringing efforts to these dire situations caused by the recent hurricanes, especially for fellow Georgians. And especially on a Sunday night!

I also appreciate you reaching out to Mr. Burruss via email. I will share with Reese that Mr. Burruss should make all efforts to access his inbox.

And as you may learn about the ability of State and other federal resources ability to assist, it would be wonderful to know. Even if rescue is several days away, Reese can pass that along to them, which I believe Reese may be able to do via cell phone call/text.

Thank you so much!
Jannine

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 10, 2017, at 11:22 PM, Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue)
<Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov> wrote:

Dear Ms. Miller,
Thank you for reaching out to our office on behalf of Kerman Haynes and Andrew Burruss. I have reached out to the Task Force at the Department of State regarding their urgent situation. I also followed up with Mr. Burruss via email. I will keep you all updated as our office receives updated information. Praying for all who have been

affected by this devastating storm. I can't imagine how scary this whole situation has been. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Jennifer

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From: [Galante, Dan \(Perdue Fellow\)](#)
To: [Barbic, Ken - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Coffee
Date: Friday, March 15, 2019 1:25:18 PM
Attachments: (b) (6) Attachment withheld (1-page): (b)(6)

You bet, see attached. Have a great weekend!

Dan Galante

U.S. Senator David Perdue
 455 Russell Senate Office Building
 Washington, D.C. 20510

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From: Barbic, Ken - OSEC, Washington, DC <Ken.Barbic@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 1:09 PM
To: Galante, Dan (Perdue Fellow) <Dan_Galante@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Coffee

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Thanks!

Ken Barbic
 Assistant Secretary
 Office of Congressional Relations
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From: Galante, Dan (Perdue Fellow) <Dan_Galante@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 9:30:37 AM
To: Lindsay, Sally - OSEC-OCR, Washington, DC
Cc: Barbic, Ken - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: RE: Coffee

Great, I can come to your office, we could meet at Cups in the Senate Russell building or elsewhere on the hill.

Dan Galante

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From: Lindsay, Sally - OSEC-OCR, Washington, DC <Sally.Lindsay@usda.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 9:16 AM
To: Galante, Dan (Perdue Fellow) <Dan_Galante@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Barbic, Ken - OSEC, Washington, DC <Ken.Barbic@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Coffee

Dan-

Ken can meet you Monday, March 18th at 9:00 a.m. Where would you like to meet Ken?

Sally

Sally Lindsay
U. S. Department of Agriculture
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From: Barbic, Ken - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 9:00 AM
To: Galante, Dan (Perdue Fellow) <Dan_Galante@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Lindsay, Sally - OSEC-OCR, Washington, DC <Sally.Lindsay@usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Coffee

Sally, can you help find time for me to have coffee with Dan? Thanks!

Ken Barbic
Assistant Secretary
Office of Congressional Relations
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Cell: (b) (6)

From: Galante, Dan (Perdue Fellow) <Dan_Galante@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 8:58:41 AM
To: Barbic, Ken - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: RE: Coffee

Either day is good except I can't do Tuesday from 10-11 am. Let me know what is best for you and I'll make it work.

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From: Barbic, Ken - OSEC, Washington, DC <Ken.Barbic@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 10:46 PM
To: Galante, Dan (Perdue Fellow) <Dan_Galante@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Coffee

I could do Monday or Tuesday next week.

Ken Barbic
Assistant Secretary
Office of Congressional Relations
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Cell: (b) (6)

From: Galante, Dan (Perdue Fellow) <Dan_Galante@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 12:39:23 PM
To: Barbic, Ken - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: RE: Coffee

Ken, how does your schedule look during recess next week?

Dan Galante
U.S. Senator David Perdue
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From: Barbic, Ken - OSEC, Washington, DC <Ken.Barbic@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 3, 2019 11:56 PM
To: Galante, Dan (Perdue Fellow) <Dan_Galante@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Coffee

I can probably do later this week. Maybe Thursday or Friday.

Ken Barbic
Assistant Secretary
Office of Congressional Relations
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Cell: (b) (6)

From: Galante, Dan (Perdue Fellow) <dan_galante@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 9:27 AM
To: Barbic, Ken - OSEC, Washington, DC
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Coffee

Hi Ken,

I hope you're having a great week. If you're on the hill and available I'd love to get together.

PJ has suggested that I explore what openings the administration may have at USDA and it would

also be great to get to know you as an elder. Perhaps we can grab a coffee this week or next.

Thanks,

Dan Galante

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From: [Fry, Ben \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#); [Dickey, Derrick \(Perdue\)](#); martha_zoller@perdue.senstate.gov
Subject: RE: Request for Attendance of Senator Perdue at the Haralson County GOP Scholarship Brunch
Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 6:02:18 PM

Joyce,

Great to hear from you. Hope all is well! I'll call Chairman Poole tomorrow.

Thanks,

Ben

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 5:14 PM
To: Fry, Ben (Perdue) <Ben_Fry@perdue.senate.gov>; Dickey, Derrick (Perdue) <Derrick_Dickey@perdue.senate.gov>; martha_zoller@perdue.senstate.gov
Subject: Fwd: Request for Attendance of Senator Perdue at the Haralson County GOP Scholarship Brunch

Hi there! I hope you all are great. I'm keeping up as best I can with David and could not be prouder. You guys are doing great getting him around the state.

Commissioner Allen Poole from Haralson County called me today as I was driving to Jekyll. He did not know that I had changed jobs. His request is below. I think you all know Allen and his son, Blake. Blake was with Cattlemen's association but has recently gone to work for Secretary Kemp. prior to Cattlemen's, he helped Gary Black when he ran for Ag Commissioner. Allen and Blake have always been helpful.

I told Allen I would forward to you for handling.

Take care,
 Joyce

From: "(b) (6)" <[REDACTED]@bellsouth.net> "(b) (6)" <[REDACTED]@bellsouth.net>
Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 3:14:41 PM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Cc: "(b) (6)" <[REDACTED]> "(b) (6)" <[REDACTED]> > Allen Poole
Subject: Request for Attendance of Senator Perdue at the Haralson County GOP Scholarship Brunch

This request is from Haralson County Commissioner, Allen Poole, for Senator David Perdue to attend and participate in our 24th Annual Haralson County Republican Party Scholarship Brunch on Saturday, July 14th, at 9:30AM. During this time our Party gives away a \$1,000 monetary scholarship award to one Bremen High School and one Haralson County High School

senior (both high schools in Haralson County). It would be our honor if Senator Perdue could speak briefly and then present the scholarship to each of the recipients on the behalf of our HCGOP.

Once confirmed, we can share more details of this event with Senator Perdue. On behalf of Commissioner Allen Poole and Robert Smith, Chairman of the Haralson County Republican Party, thank you for the opportunity to have Senator Perdue in Haralson County on July 14th.

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From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: joyce.white@ga.usda.gov
Subject: Town of Centralhatchee
Date: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 1:24:25 PM

Joyce,

I just met on Friday with the Mayor of Centralhatchee (Heard County) and some other from the area. I told them I would put you in touch with them about some grants.

Mayor Barbie Crockett

(b) (6) Cell

(b) (6) Office

(b) (6)

Thanks!

Hope all is well with you Joyce!

Sincerely,

Chris Perkins

Field Representative

OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR DAVID PERDUE

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Office: 404-865-0087 Cell: (b) (6)

From: [Sweat, Jenni \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Sweat, Jenni \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senator David Perdue Urges Quick Action On Disaster Relief
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 6:44:52 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)



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Senator David Perdue Urges Quick Action On Disaster Relief

“If we do not help these people right now, they may lose their businesses and livelihoods through no fault of their own.”

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA), a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, spoke on the Senate floor about the importance of quickly passing a disaster relief bill and encouraged Senate colleagues to support the [bipartisan disaster relief package](#) he introduced with Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA) and other senators.

Click [here](#) or on the image below to watch.



Highlights:

Time Is Of The Essence: “Our farmers simply cannot wait on disaster relief any longer. The situation in my state is dire. Rural communities are suffering. Economic activity is at an absolute standstill in many places because the federal government has yet to do its job. If we do not help these people right now, they may lose their businesses and livelihoods through no fault of their own. That’s the reality we’re facing here.”

Disaster Bill Has Trump’s Support: “Senator Isakson and I, along with several other senators, have introduced a supplemental disaster relief bill. President Trump has agreed to sign it. Our bill includes relief for agriculture and also provides additional funds for Georgia and other states like Florida, Alabama, the Carolinas, Alaska, Hawaii, and California that have battled natural disasters over the last year. It also builds on the Trump administration’s past efforts and includes the remaining funding for Puerto Rico.”

Win For Farmers: “This bipartisan package is a win for our farmers, it’s a win for families and businesses who were devastated by historic hurricanes in the Southeast and wildfires in the West, and it’s a win for the people in Puerto Rico who the President has previously helped.”

Committed To Disaster Victims: “The President and Vice President have been absolutely resolute in their support of getting aid to the victims of these disasters. They are now asking Congress to pass our disaster relief bill right now.”

What’s At Stake: “I sincerely hope this body will move quickly and pass this disaster relief bill without further delay. I humbly ask each of my colleagues in the Senate for your individual support and for your vote on this disaster relief package that will save hundreds, if not thousands, of farming families in my home state from having to give up what they love, and that is farming the land that in many cases they inherited from generations of their families.”

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From: [Gallagher, Ethan \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Invitation to Join USDA Secretary Perdue and Vice President Mike Pence for National Ag Day on March 20th
Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018 4:33:29 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Great! Thank you. Will get back to you on whether Senator Perdue can attend.

Ethan Gallagher
Deputy Scheduler

OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR DAVID PERDUE
455 Russell Senate Office Building | Washington, DC 20510

From: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 4:08 PM
Cc: Buehler, Mary - OSEC, Washington, DC <Mary.Buehler@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Invitation to Join USDA Secretary Perdue and Vice President Mike Pence for National Ag Day on March 20th

Hello,

I received automatic replies for your colleagues and wanted to make sure you saw this...

Abbey L. Fretz
Director of Congressional Relations
Office of Congressional Relations



United States Department of
Agriculture
Office: (202) 720-9962

From: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 3:58 PM
Cc: Joby - OSEC Washington DC Young (Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov) <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>;
Buehler, Mary - OSEC, Washington, DC <Mary.Buehler@osec.usda.gov>; Moore, Lindsay - OSEC,
Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Invitation to Join USDA Secretary Perdue and Vice President Mike Pence for National Ag Day on March 20th

Good afternoon,

The Secretary would like to invite House and Senate Agriculture and Agriculture Appropriations Committee Members to join him and Vice President Pence next Tuesday, March 20th to celebrate National Ag Day with about 100 students and other guests at USDA. The event starts at 10:00 a.m., with doors opening at 9:00 and closing at 9:45 a.m. The full invitation is attached.

This event will be for Members only.

Please RSVP no later than 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 19th to Mary.Buehler@osec.usda.gov.

Any questions...let us know!

Abbey



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From: [Hayes, Jennifer \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Barbic, Ken - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Bachmann, Peter - OCR, Washington, DC](#); [Giles, Misty - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Privacy act - (b) (6)
Date: Thursday, August 23, 2018 10:50:00 AM

Thank you so much for your quick response. I requested the information from (b) (6) and will send to you as soon as I receive it.

Thank you again!
 Jennifer

-----Original Message-----

From: Barbic, Ken - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Ken.Barbic@osec.usda.gov>]
 Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 2:49 PM
 To: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
 Cc: Bachmann, Peter - OCR, Washington, DC <Peter.Bachmann@osec.usda.gov>; Giles, Misty - OSEC, Washington, DC <Misty.Giles@osec.usda.gov>
 Subject: RE: Privacy act - (b) (6)

Jennifer, thanks for the outreach, we will need a little more info on where the loan is coming out of at USDA to track this down. Copying the two folks in OCR who will help depending on that answer. Thanks!

Ken Barbic
 Assistant Secretary-Office of Congressional Relations U.S. Department of Agriculture
 Cell (b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
 Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 2:27 PM
 To: Barbic, Ken - OSEC, Washington, DC <Ken.Barbic@osec.usda.gov>
 Subject: FW: Privacy act - (b) (6)

Dear Mr. Barbic,
 (b) (6) contacted Senator Perdue regarding his USDA loan. Please see the information below and his privacy form attached. According to your rules and regulations, any assistance that you could provide would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your time and attention in this matter. I sincerely appreciate your help.

Thank you again,
 Jennifer Hayes

Jennifer Hayes
 Director of Constituent Services
 Office of United States Senator David Perdue
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 Suite 2640
 Atlanta, GA 30305
 (b) (6) cell
 404-865-0087 office
 404-865-0311 fax

I have been asked by Mr. Mark Wingate to send this e.mail to you regarding an unexpected last minute difficulty with our home mortgage from the United States Department of Agriculture in spite of an earlier approval to close on this loan this past Monday, August 20th. Your willingness to help us resolve this matter is sincerely appreciated.

Earlier today our lender, called to inform us that she spoke with Melodie Brooks within the USDA regarding our home loan for the property at (b) (6). Ms. Brooks told our lender that the USDA would not be able to approve our loan with them because (b) (6)

(b) (6) makes us unqualified within the USDA loan income requirements.

I wanted the opportunity to explain our (b) (6) situation. (b) (6)

I appreciate you taking the time to understand our situation better and I sincerely hope the USDA will process and approve our loan (b) (6)

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 1:12 PM
To: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Privacy act - (b) (6)

See attached signed Privacy form giving your department permission to speak with the USDA regarding my loan for (b) (6)

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From: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senator David Perdue Calls On Colleagues To Support Disaster Relief Package
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 7:57:31 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)



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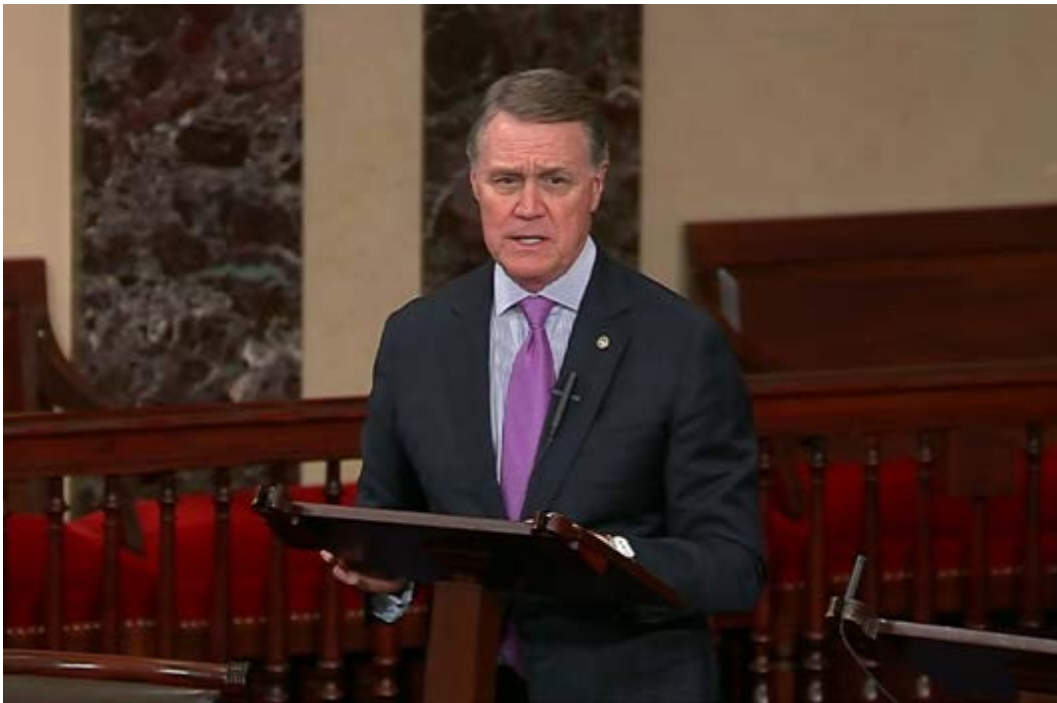
CONTACTS:
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[Jenni Sweat](#), 202-224-0614

Senator David Perdue Calls On Colleagues To Support Disaster Relief Package

*“Every night, farmers in Georgia get on their knees and pray
that help will soon come.”*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA), a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, spoke on the Senate floor to urge support for his bipartisan disaster relief package. Today, the Senate voted 90-10 to begin debate on the bipartisan disaster relief package he introduced with Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA) and other senators. Senators Perdue and Isakson have been fighting for disaster relief funding since Hurricane Michael [devastated](#) Georgia and other states last October.

Click [here](#) or on the image below to watch.



Highlights:

Unprecedented Devastation: “Our farmers are resilient. They’ve weathered droughts, low-yield harvests, and poor farm economies. They’ve suffered through several years of low commodity prices as well. But they’ve never faced anything like this before. The strength and magnitude of Hurricane Michael was unprecedented.”

Unacceptable Delays: “This aid should have been funded as soon as we had an estimate of the damage just a few weeks after the hurricane hit. Instead, disaster aid got caught up in a partisan spending battle, and in typical Washington fashion, Congress kicked the can down the road.”

Farmers Praying For Relief: “Every night, farmers in my state get on their knees and pray that help will soon come. They pray their lenders will show compassion. They pray they won't go bankrupt. They pray they will be able to provide for their families. And, yes, they are praying for other people around the country who have been devastated just like they have.”

Washington’s Intransigence: “It’s unacceptable that Washington’s intransigence continues to threaten the livelihoods of the very people who sent us here to represent them.”

President Backs Puerto Rico Assistance: “The Trump Administration has been resolute in their support of the people of Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria and Hurricane Irma hit the island. To date, \$40 billion has already been allocated... This disaster relief bill includes \$600 million in additional nutritional assistance for the most vulnerable families in Puerto Rico.”

Democrats Previously Supported: “Some members of this body argue we should allocate more funding for Puerto Rico. I would remind them this is the same level of funding they have previously supported.”

Put Political Interests Aside: “Every day we continue debating this issue is a day the people

across the country face crippling uncertainty. Today, I call on each of us to put our individual political interests aside and do the right thing for these people who are depending on us right now.”

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From: [Hancock, Lauren \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Dickey, Derrick \(Perdue\)](#); (b) (6)
Subject: FW: (b) (6) Resume
Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 11:54:40 AM
Attachments: (b) (6) [Resume.pdf](#) Attachment withheld: (b)(6)

Hey Heidi—

(b) (6) who helped with DP's race in 2014 asked me yesterday if we could forward his resume to y'all at USDA. Assuming DD doesn't decide to stay permanently (b) (6) (he should be back next week) I did want to go ahead and forward (b) (6) resume so it doesn't slip through our cracks between now and then--and I know that Derrick would say good things about (b) (6) FYI--after helping us in 2014, (b) (6)

(b) (6)

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Lauren

From: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 4:14 PM
To: Hancock, Lauren (Perdue) <Lauren_Hancock@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: (b) (6) Resume

Thanks Lauren.

(b) (6)
 Office of the Speaker of the House
 The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
 H-232, The Capitol
 Washington, DC 20515
 (b) (6) office
[Speaker.gov](#)

From: [Eunice, John \(Perdue\)](#)
To: ken.barbic@osec.usda.gov
Subject: Connecting...
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 5:46:39 PM

Hi Ken –

Enjoyed speaking with you earlier. This is my email and feel free to call anytime at (b) (6) or (b) (6). Will keep you posted if I hear anything more about the disaster bill.

Best, John

John Eunice
Legislative Director
U.S. Senator David Perdue
(b) (6)

From: [Waldrop, PJ \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Call
Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 4:15:49 PM

Now is better actually.

(b) (6)

-PJW

From: Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 4:02 PM
To: Waldrop, PJ (Perdue) <PJ_Waldrop@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Call

5 pm? Or now

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 4, 2017, at 3:42 PM, Waldrop, PJ (Perdue) <PJ_Waldrop@perdue.senate.gov> wrote:

Is there a time we can talk?

Thanks,

PJ Waldrop
Deputy Chief of Staff
U.S. Senator David Perdue
202-224-3521

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Seaver, Andrew \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Read: FW: Tallulah River/Tate City Road
Date: Monday, April 30, 2018 1:19:12 PM
Attachments: [Read FW Tallulah RiverTate City Road.msg.msg](#)

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Seaver, Andrew \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: Tallulah River/Tate City Road & Union Co Gun Club
Date: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 9:37:33 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Hey Andrew: I called Betty Jewett, the Forest Service Supervisor for this area. She said this issue has been going on for a long time. She admitted that the road isn't kept up as well as they would like but they do not have the funds to do more and acted as though this is just the way it is. She said the weather plays a role in continuing to make the road rough – rains and before the rains, the snow. She also said this road runs alongside the Tallulah River and that can add to the road's less than desirable condition.

Bottom line is that I did not get very far with her. She knows the issue and knows the commissioners by name. She let me know I wasn't telling her anything new. Basically she just seemed to be nonchalant about it.

I asked how many people are impacted, and she said about 60 homes are along this road.

GUN RANGE

Add to this, I asked how we were coming along on the gun range project in Union Co. She said she gave it to someone below her to watch and keep up with. She also said that the property they chose will not work and the Forest Service will be looking for other property to suggest to them. She had not conveyed this to Sheriff Mason or Commissioner Lamar Paris I don't think because the Sheriff and the President of the gun club had both called me to ask if I'd heard anything. So after talking to Betty, I did call the Sheriff and told him what she had told me. He was not happy. I get the feeling she is not for this gun range and says a lot of people are not for it. When I asked how many people are NOT for it, she had no answer.

Betty has a supervisor I think in DC. You can always elevate the road issue to the DC level if you want. I'll continue to handle the gun club issue.

JOYCE WHITE

State Director

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From: Seaver, Andrew (Perdue) [mailto:Andrew_Seaver@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 8:34 AM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Tallulah River/Tate City Road

Hey Joyce, Great seeing you on Friday !! Here is the letter from commissioner Bradshaw detailing the issues w/forest service rd. Thanks for the help!! And hope you had a great weekend!! Best,
Andrew

Regional Representative
Office of United States Senator David A Perdue (R-GA)

(b) (6)

Sent from iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b) (6) >
Date: April 25, 2018 at 11:44:08 AM EDT
To: "'Seaver, Andrew \\\(Perdue\\)'<Andrew_Seaver@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Tallulah River/Tate City Road

Please find a letter Commissioner Bradshaw has written to Senator Perdue concerning the Forest Service owned Road in the Tate City Community. Please let the commissioner know if the senator needs any further information or has any questions.

His cell number is (b) (6) and his office number is (b) (6)

Thank you for your help with this matter.

Thank you,

Andrea Anderson

Finance Director

Towns County

(b) (6)

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From: [Hancock, Lauren \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [heidi.green \(heidi.green@osec.usda.gov\)](mailto:heidi.green@osec.usda.gov)
Cc: [Dickey, Derrick \(Perdue\)](#); [Gordon, Julie - OSEC](#)
Bcc: [Gordon, Julie - OSEC](#)
Subject: "Good Word"-(b) (6)
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 2:52:08 PM

Hi Heidi—

Hope you are well!

Our Ag LA, Daniel Hale, said that a friend of his is interviewing with you tomorrow. Daniel had high recommendations for him, so wanted to make sure we passed along a good word. His name is

(b) (6).

Thanks,

Lauren



LAUREN HANCOCK
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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: Tidwell's Package
Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 3:57:01 PM

Amen!

Joyce White
State Director, Georgia
USDA Rural Development
355 E. Hancock Ave., Suite 300
Athens, GA 30601
Office (b) (6)

From: Burns, Kathy (Perdue) [mailto:Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 1:25 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Tidwell's Package

Hi Joyce,

Thank you very much for the assist!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. We all have so much to be thankful for!

Best to you
Kathy

Kathy Burns
Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue



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From: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Date: 11/21/17 12:54 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Tidwell's Package

Hey! I wanted you to know that I FedEx'd the Tidwell's package to Rachel Pick, the Secretary's

Assistant. I have emailed her to alert her.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Joyce White
State Director, Georgia
USDA Rural Development
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Athens, GA 30601
Office (b) (6)

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From: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Bcc: [hart.thompson@mail.house.gov](#); [Michael.Reed@mail.house.gov](#); [marydee.beal@mail.house.gov](#); [craig.anderson@mail.house.gov](#); [alice.johnson@mail.house.gov](#); [bud.whitmire@mail.house.gov](#); [Jody_Redding@isakson.senate.gov](#); [jack_overstreet@isakson.senate.gov](#); [daniel_hale@perdue.senate.gov](#); [Charles_White@perdue.senate.gov](#); [ashley.smith1@mail.house.gov](#)
Subject: FW: NEWS RELEASES/GOVDELIVERY/MEDIA: USDA to Help Producers Prepare for Addition of Seed Cotton to Two Key Safety Net Programs
Date: Monday, June 25, 2018 2:11:33 PM
Attachments: [State News Release USDA to Help Producers Prepare for Addition of Seed Cotton to Two Key Safety Net Programs.docx](#) Attachment withheld (2 pages): (b)(5) pre-decisional deliberative
[National News Release USDA to Help Producers Prepare for Addition of Seed Cotton to Two Key Safety Net Programs.docx](#)

Attached is the timeline released today for rollout of seed cotton base allocation and program signup.

If we can of assistance, please let me know.

Tas

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News Release

Contact: Wayne Maloney
(202) 720-6107

USDA to Help Producers Prepare for Addition of Seed Cotton to Two Key Safety Net Programs

Information to Help Farmers and Ranchers Select the Coverage Options that Fit Their Needs

WASHINGTON, June 25, 2018 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is sending acreage history and yield reports to agricultural producers with generic base acres covered by the [Agriculture Risk Coverage \(ARC\) and Price Loss Coverage \(PLC\) programs](#). This information will help producers decide the best options for how to allocate generic base acres, given the addition of seed cotton as a covered commodity in the programs.

“We’re sending this information to make sure farmers and ranchers have the data they need to make critical decisions about these USDA programs,” said Richard Fordyce, administrator of USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA). “It’s important that producers take a few minutes to compare the information they receive with their farm records. If something is incorrect, we encourage them to contact their local USDA office.”

The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 amended the 2014 Farm Bill, adding seed cotton as a covered commodity under the ARC and PLC programs. This week, FSA will start sending producers information on current generic base acres, yields and 2008-2012 planting history.

Per the Act, FSA is using the period 2009 through 2012 to compute the conversion of generic base acres to seed cotton base acres. In contrast, the 2008 through 2012 period is used to calculate yield updates to seed cotton. The updates are an important part of preparing agricultural producers to make decisions on allocating generic basic acres and updating yields for seed cotton.

This summer, producers will have an opportunity to allocate their generic base acres and update their seed cotton yield.

All producers electing to participate in either the ARC or PLC program will be required to make a one-time, unanimous and irrevocable election, choosing between ARC and PLC for the 2018 crop year for seed cotton only. Producers who elected ARC with the individual farm option will continue with that option since that election is applicable to all base acres on the farm. The final step to participate requires producers with farms with seed cotton base acres to sign contracts for ARC or PLC for 2018 this summer.

- June 29: Producers are mailed letters notifying them of current generic base acres and yields and 2008 to 2012 planting history.
- July: An online decision tool for ARC and PLC becomes available. Producers have opportunity to update yields and allocate generic base acres for ARC and PLC.
- Late July: ARC and PLC one-time elections occur for seed cotton.
- Late July: ARC and PLC sign-up for 2018 starts for farms with seed cotton base acres.

“For all farmers and ranchers with questions, we encourage you to reach out to your local FSA office,” Fordyce said.

FSA will provide updates as dates solidify. For more information, visit [FSA’s ARC and PLC webpage](#) or contact your [local USDA service center](#).

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: Opioid Grants
Date: Thursday, July 12, 2018 3:41:44 PM
Attachments: [image009.png](#)
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Yes, I should be there. See you then.

JOYCE WHITE
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From: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) [mailto:Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 3:39 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Opioid Grants

Are you coming to the UGA Griffin event tomorrow? I will be there.

Chris

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 3:37 PM
To: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Opioid Grants

Oh, okay. I see her name and number. Sorry I did not read to the bottom.

Anytime I can meet you will work. Beggars can't be choosers. I'm traveling until July 27 and not around much. I think I'm with your boss and my boss tomorrow!

I'll get someone to call Dinah Rowe.

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Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 3:34 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Opioid Grants

Joyce, the name and contact are below in the original message. I will be at the office sometime in next two weeks and can pick up some peanuts for you then.

Chris Perkins

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [<mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 3:30 PM
To: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Opioid Grants

Give me a name and a phone number and we'll reach out and see what we can do. Hope you are great. I'm out of peanuts Maybe I can meet you at some point.

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Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 3:28 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Opioid Grants

Joyce,

I have a contact in Heard County that would be interested in speaking with your office about Opioid Grants.
Thanks!

Dinah Rowe
Heard County Extension Agent
(b) (6) Cell
706-675-3513 Office
D2rowe@uga.edu

Sincerely,

Chris Perkins
Field Representative
OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR DAVID PERDUE
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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: Response for Dr. Buchanan
Date: Friday, July 27, 2018 2:31:13 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image006.png](#)
[image007.png](#)

Hey Kathy: I'm keeping up with this project as best I can. I sincerely hope it is approved but due to debt and they really don't have a lot of new enrollment to help pay down the debt, I think there is some concern about how the loan will be repaid. I really like Dr. Buchanan. She is an exceptional person and is truly trying to do great things. I hope we can help her and Andrew College. Thanks for the copy of the letter.

I've been traveling a great deal and being able to be with both my bosses on that Friday, July 13 was gratifying. They make me proud. They are doing extremely important work for our great United States of America!

Hope you are well and happy.

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From: Burns, Kathy (Perdue) [mailto:Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2018 2:15 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Response for Dr. Buchanan

Kathy Burns
 Regional Representative
 Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue



----- Original message -----

From: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>

Date: 7/27/18 11:12 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: "White, Joyce (Perdue)" <Joyce_White@perdue.senate.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Response for Dr. Buchanan

Hi Joyce,

I hope you are doing well! I wanted to share this with you in case you haven't seen it and have any contact with Dr. Buchanan. Things seem to be proceeding in a positive way.

I saw you in a few pictures when Secretary Perdue visited our farmers with Senator Perdue recently. You look great and I wish I could have been there with you!

Thank you and have a nice weekend.

Kathy

Kathy Burns
Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue



----- Original message -----

From: "Kelly, Colin (Perdue)" <Colin_Kelly@perdue.senate.gov>

Date: 7/27/18 10:22 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>

Subject: Response for Dr. Buchanan

Good Morning Kathy,

I received the attached response from USDA regarding the case for Dr. Buchanan and Andrews College. It will be sent to Dr. Buchanan as well, but just wanted you to be aware of it in case she reaches out to you. Let me know if you have any questions.



Colin Kelly
Field Representative/Constituent Services Representative

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From: [Hayes, Jennifer \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Privacy act - (b) (6)
Date: Monday, August 27, 2018 2:36:37 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Hey Joyce!
 Things really do go full circle! ☺

I received the email below from (b) (6). Thank you for your offer to help. You guys are always so responsive and helpful!

Hi Jennifer,

Thank you so much for all of your efforts. We decided to go with another type of loan that does not involve the USDA.

Again, thank you sincerely.

(b) (6)

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 2:05 PM
To: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: FW: Privacy act - (b) (6)

Hi Jennifer: Just thought you would want to see that these things go full circle!

Hope you are great!

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From: Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 10:55 AM
To: Peace, Ed - RD, Athens, GA <Ed.Peace@ga.usda.gov>; Brooks, Melodie - RD, Athens, GA <Melodie.Brooks@ga.usda.gov>; Stanek, Jack - RD, Athens GA <Jack.Stanek@ga.usda.gov>
Cc: Brown, Leslie - RD, Washington, DC <LeslieA.Brown@wdc.usda.gov>; White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Privacy act - (b) (6)

Sorry, I've been out and just found this inquiry.

Ed and Melodie would you please look into this matter?

Jack and Joyce/ Leslie:

RD: (b)(6)
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

Thank you,
-Deb

Deborah Callahan, Public Information Officer
USDA Rural Development Georgia

From: Brown, Leslie - RD, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 4:22 PM
To: Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA <Deborah.Callahan@ga.usda.gov>
Cc: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Privacy act - (b) (6)

Hi Deborah.

Please see the email below regarding the pending Section 502 Single Family Housing loan application of (b)(5) pre-decisional deliberative, (b) (6)

Is it possible to have the response **no later than Thursday, August 30th?**

Here's the inquiry:

"Dear Mr. Barbic,

RD: (b) (6) contacted Senator Perdue regarding his USDA loan. Please see the information below and his privacy form attached. According to your rules and regulations, any assistance that you could provide would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your time and attention in this matter. I sincerely appreciate your help.

Thank you again,
Jennifer Hayes

I have been asked by Mr. Mark Wingate to send this e.mail to you regarding an unexpected last minute difficulty with our home mortgage from the United States Department of Agriculture in spite of an earlier approval to close on this loan this past Monday, August 20th. Your willingness to help us resolve this matter is sincerely appreciated.

Earlier today our lender, called to inform us that she spoke with Melodie Brooks within the USDA regarding our home loan for the property at RD: (b) (6). Ms. Brooks told our lender that the USDA would not be able to approve our loan with them because RD: (b) (6). RD: (b) (6) makes us unqualified within the USDA loan income requirements.

I wanted the opportunity to explain our (b) (6) situation. In the RD: (b) (6)

RD: (b) (6)

I appreciate you taking the time to understand our situation better and I sincerely hope the USDA will process and approve our loan RD: (b) (6)

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Please advise.

Leslie A. Brown
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From: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Bachmann, Peter - OCR, Washington, DC](#); [Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Mackey, Alan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Bcc: [abby_tinsley@billnelson.senate.gov](#); [lauren_reamy@rubio.senate.gov](#); [daniel_hale@perdue.senate.gov](#); [brett_layson@isakson.senate.gov](#); [Heather.Hamwarren@mail.house.gov](#); [evan.lee@mail.house.gov](#); [Trip.Demoss@mail.house.gov](#); [jenifer.nawrocki@mail.house.gov](#); [Derron.bennett@mail.house.gov](#); [brian.albert@mail.house.gov](#); [John.laufer@mail.house.gov](#); [christen.kapavik@mail.house.gov](#); [nicole.mclaren@mail.house.gov](#); [maurice.zelazco@mail.house.gov](#); [Steve.Koncar@mail.house.gov](#); [Shane.Woods@mail.house.gov](#); [sarah.hanson1@mail.house.gov](#); [Callie.shapiro@mail.house.gov](#); [Hailey.hart@mail.house.gov](#); [sean.brady@mail.house.gov](#); [Andrew.Callahan@mail.house.gov](#); [evan.bergwall@mail.house.gov](#); [kenneth.clifford@mail.house.gov](#); [matthew.price@mail.house.gov](#); [mason.heilman@mail.house.gov](#); [logan.hollers@mail.house.gov](#); [Jean.Roseme@mail.house.gov](#); [miguel.mendoza@mail.house.gov](#); [hector.arguello@mail.house.gov](#); [Christopher.Ferrer@mail.house.gov](#); [hart.thompson@mail.house.gov](#); [Ada.bacetty@mail.house.gov](#); [marydee.beal@mail.house.gov](#); [brian.duckworth@mail.house.gov](#); [thomas.dorney@mail.house.gov](#); [nicholas.scoufaras@mail.house.gov](#); [Craig.Anderson@mail.house.gov](#); [sally.larson@mail.house.gov](#); [caryn.hamner@mail.house.gov](#); [susannah.johnston@mail.house.gov](#); [zellie.duvall@mail.house.gov](#); [gary.woodward@mail.house.gov](#); [Dustin.Davidson@mail.house.gov](#); [Eleni_Valanos@rubio.senate.gov](#); [Michael.Reed@mail.house.gov](#)
Subject: USDA Assistance in the Wake of Hurricane Irma
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 4:03:08 PM

Hello All:

As you work to help constituents in the wake of Hurricane Irma, I wanted to make sure that you were aware that USDA is actively mobilized to assist those affected by the storm in multiple ways. Please find below and at this [link](#) a summary of USDA disaster assistance programs and support in response to the storm. We will keep you updated as we put together more resources and information for your use.

Secondly, please rely on us in the coming days and weeks if have questions or need constituent service assistance. You can reach out to any of us in the Office of Congressional Relations with any inquiries. We are standing by to act as a resource for your offices.

Thank you,

Joby

Joby Young

Chief of Staff – Office of Congressional Relations



United States Department of Agriculture
Office: (202) 720-3696

USDA Recovery Efforts for Hurricane Irma

USDA Reminds Individuals and Small Businesses USDA Offers Disaster Assistance Programs to Help

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12, 2017 – The [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#) (USDA) reminds rural communities, farmers and ranchers, families and small businesses impacted Hurricane Irma that USDA has programs that provide assistance in the wake of disasters. USDA staff in the regional,

state and county offices that stand ready and eager to help.

“In recent weeks, millions of Americans have been affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and the wild fires in the west,” Secretary Perdue said. “USDA employees have been working tirelessly and will continue to stand ready to help those in need. As we head down the path to recovery, I am encouraged by the resilience of America’s farmers, ranchers and the American people as a whole that we can come together and get through this trying time.”

USDA’s Operations Center is activated 24/7 keeping the Secretary and USDA’s leadership team informed. An Incident Management Team supports the USDA Operations Center and will remain in effect through both Hurricane Harvey recovery and Hurricane Irma’s response and recovery. USDA has important roles in both response and recovery to hurricanes and stands ready to support the American people who rely on it each day. In a continuing effort to better serve the public, USDA partnered with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other disaster-focused organizations to create the [Disaster Resource Center](#) website. This central source of information utilizes a searchable knowledgebase of disaster-related resources that are powered by agents with subject-matter expertise. The Disaster Resource Center website and web tool now provide an easy access point to find USDA disaster information and assistance.

USDA also encourages residents and small businesses in impact zones to contact the following offices to meet their individual needs:

Property and Shelter

While the Federal Emergency Management Agency is managing all emergency housing assistance, when floods destroy or severely damage residential property, USDA Rural Development can assist with providing priority hardship application processing for rural single family housing. Additionally, under a disaster designation, USDA Rural Development can issue a priority letter for next available USDA multi-family housing units at properties across the country. Many USDA Rural Development programs can help provide financial relief to rural communities hit by natural disasters by offering low-interest loans to rural community facilities, rural businesses and cooperatives and to rural utilities. More information can be found on the Rural Development website.

Food Safety and Food Assistance

Severe weather forecasts often present the possibility of power outages that could compromise the safety of stored food. The USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) recommends that consumers take the necessary steps before, during, and after a power outage to reduce food waste and minimize the risk of foodborne illness. FSIS offers tips for keeping frozen and refrigerated food safe and a [brochure](#) that can be downloaded and printed for reference at home. Owners of meat and poultry producing businesses who have questions or concerns may contact the FSIS Small Plant Help Desk by phone at 1-877-FSIS-HELP (1-877-374-7435), by email at infosource@fsis.usda.gov, or 24/7 online at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulatory-compliance/svsp/sphelpdesk>.

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) coordinates with state, local and voluntary organizations to provide food for shelters and other mass feeding sites. Under certain circumstances, states also may request to operate a disaster household distribution program to distribute USDA Foods directly to households in need. In addition, FNS may approve a state's request to implement a Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) when the President declares a major disaster for individual assistance under the Stafford Act in areas affected by a disaster. State agencies may also request a number of disaster-related SNAP waivers to help provide temporary assistance to impacted households already receiving SNAP benefits at the time of the disaster. Resources for disaster feeding partners as well as available FNS disaster nutrition assistance can be found on the

[FNS Disaster Assistance website.](#)

Crop and Livestock Loss

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) administers many safety-net programs to help producers recover from eligible losses, including the [Livestock Indemnity Program](#), the [Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program](#), [Emergency Forest Restoration Program](#) (EFRP) and the [Tree Assistance Program](#). The FSA [Emergency Conservation Program](#) provides funding and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters. Producers located in counties that received a primary or contiguous disaster designation are eligible for low-interest [emergency loans](#) to help them recover from production and physical losses. Compensation also is available to producers who purchased coverage through the [Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program](#), which protects non-insurable crops against natural disasters that result in lower yields, crop losses or prevented planting. USDA encourages farmers and ranchers to contact their local FSA office to learn what documents can help the local office expedite assistance, such as farm records, receipts and pictures of damages or losses.

Producers with coverage through the RMA administered federal crop insurance program should contact their crop insurance agent. Those who purchased crop insurance will be paid for covered losses. Producers should report crop damage within 72 hours of damage discovery and follow up in writing within 15 days.

Community Recovery Resources

For declared natural disasters that lead to imminent threats to life and property, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) can assist local government sponsors with the cost of implementing recovery efforts like debris removal and streambank stabilization to address natural resource concerns and hazards through the [Emergency Watershed Protection Program](#). NRCS staff is coordinating with state partners to complete damage assessments in preparation for sponsor assistance requests. NRCS can also help producers with damaged agricultural lands caused by natural disasters such as floods. The NRCS [Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#) (EQIP) provides financial assistance to repair and prevent excessive soil erosion that can result from high rainfall events and flooding. Conservation practices supported through EQIP protect the land and aid in recovery, can build the natural resource base and might help mitigate loss in future events.

USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture provides support for disaster education through the Extension Disaster Education Network ([EDEN](#)). EDEN is a collaborative multi-state effort with land-grant universities and Cooperative Extension Services across the country, using research-based education and resources to improve the delivery of services to citizens affected by disasters. EDEN's goal is to improve the nation's ability to mitigate, prepare for, prevent, respond to and recover from disasters., EDEN equips county-based Extension educators to share research-based resources in local disaster management and recovery efforts. The EDEN website offers a searchable database of Extension professionals, resources, member universities and disaster agency websites, education materials to help people handle a wide range of hazards and food and agricultural defense educational resources.

For complete details and eligibility requirements regarding USDA's disaster assistance programs, contact a local [USDA Service Center](#). More information about [USDA disaster assistance](#) (PDF, 118 KB) as well as other disaster resources is available on the USDA Disaster Resource Center website.

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Seaver, Andrew \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Read: RE: Tallulah River/Tate City Road
Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 9:37:46 AM
Attachments: [Read RE Tallulah RiverTate City Road.msg.msg](#)

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [White, Charles \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: Georgia Farm Bureau's January 24 GFB News Alert
Date: Monday, January 29, 2018 9:49:20 AM

Thanks for checking. I appreciate it. Have a great week.

Joyce White
State Director, Georgia
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355 E. Hancock Ave., Suite 300
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From: White, Charles (Perdue) [mailto:Charles_White@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 9:24 AM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Georgia Farm Bureau's January 24 GFB News Alert

Hey!

(b) (6)

Have a great week!!!!
Charles

On Jan 27, 2018, at 8:47 AM, White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov> wrote:

Thanks Charles. (b) (6)

Thanks!

Sent from Email+ secured by MobileIron

From: "White, Charles (Perdue)" <Charles_White@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Friday, January 26, 2018 at 5:20:51 PM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Georgia Farm Bureau's January 24 GFB News Alert

I don't think so. I will check with him and see.

Charles White
(b) (6)
Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue

On Jan 26, 2018, at 4:54 PM, White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov> wrote:

Hey Charles (b) (6)

Hope you are great. Thanks.

Sent from Email+ secured by MobileIron

From: "Georgia Farm Bureau" <gfb@gfb.org>
Date: Friday, January 26, 2018 at 4:02:32 PM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Georgia Farm Bureau's January 24 GFB News Alert



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[Avian flu virus detected in wild ducks on Ga. coast.](#)

Poultry growers urged to follow biosecurity measures; tips offered to prevent spread of virus.



[Farm bill, crop tips & awards highlight annual Georgia Peanut Farm Show](#)

UGA Extension experts reported on the 2017 peanut crop, noting that irrigated yields were down but dryland production helped boost a record crop.



[SE Fruit & Vegetable Conference features food safety topics](#)

Roadside market operators learn circumstances under which they would be subject to FSMA rules.



[ABAC Young Farmers host 4th annual cattle show](#)

Event draws nearly 100 competitors from five states compete for cash prizes, prepare for state and national shows.



[Former GFB state director Phil Redding dies](#)

Redding served as Clay County Farm Bureau president for 34 years.



[AFBF, NFU join in fight against opioid addiction](#)

"Farm Town Strong," campaign to raise awareness of the crisis' impact on farming communities and provide resources and information to help farm communities.



NASS: Georgia peanut growers produce record crop

Cotton and hay growers also achieved production increases in 2017.



Sunbelt Expo announces staff changes

After 20 years promoting Moultrie farm show, Gina McDonald retires; Expo welcomes Becca Turner.



Georgia Pork Producers Association meeting and NPP Election

Members will select voting delegates to represent Georgia.



Feb. 1 deadline to apply for Monsanto scholarships

Members will select voting delegate representing Georgia.



Tractor Supply, FFA taking Grants for Growing applications

Disaster legislation passed in the U.S. House in December includes measures to address farm bill safety net for cotton

Save the date!

Click any of the text below to access the events calendar at gfb.org

LONGLEAF ALLIANCE ACADEMY: LONGLEAF 101

Jan. 23-25 UGA Savannah River Ecology Lab Windsor, SC

2018 GEORGIA/FLORIDA SOYBEAN & SMALL GRAIN EXPO

Jan. 30 Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter, Perry

2018 AG FORECAST MEETINGS

Jan. 30 Toombs Co. Ag Center, Lyons
Feb. 1 Decatur Co. Ag Center, Bainbridge
Feb. 2 UGA Conference Center, Tifton
Feb. 5 Georgia Farm Bureau, Macon
Feb. 6 Clarence Brown Conference Center, Cartersville
Feb. 7 The Classic Center, Athens

GA COTTON COMMISSION 11th ANNUAL MEETING & UGA COTTON WORKSHOP

Jan. 31 UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center, Tifton

GEORGIA COTTON GROWERS' EFFICIENCY SURVEY

Jan. 31 deadline to participate

CROP INSURANCE FOR TOMATO, PECAN GROWERS

until Jan. 31 deadline to enroll or update

HALL COUNTY AG EQUIPMENT TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY SEMINAR

Feb. 6 North Hall Park & Community Center, 6 p.m., Gainesville

2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

Feb. 5 deadline to respond

GEORGIA LANDOWNER ACADEMY

Feb. 27 Location TBA, Fitzgerald; Feb 6 is deadline to apply

2018 FLAVOR OF GEORGIA CONTEST

Feb. 8 deadline to enter

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE

Feb. 9-10 Oconee County Civic Center, Watkinsville

GEORGIA LANDOWNER ACADEMY

Feb. 27 Location TBA, Fitzgerald

FARM LABOR SEMINARS

Feb. 22 Omega Clubhouse, Omega

HAY AND BALEAGE SHORT COURSE

Feb. 22 Carroll County Extension office, Carrollton
March 8-9 Burke County Extension office, Waynesboro

GEORGIA AGRITOURISM ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

March 5-6 Unicoi State Park, Helen

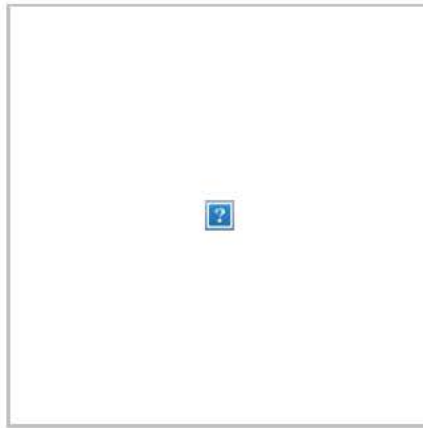
SOYBEAN SHORT COURSE

March 5 Nessmith-Lane Conference Center, 9 a.m., Statesboro

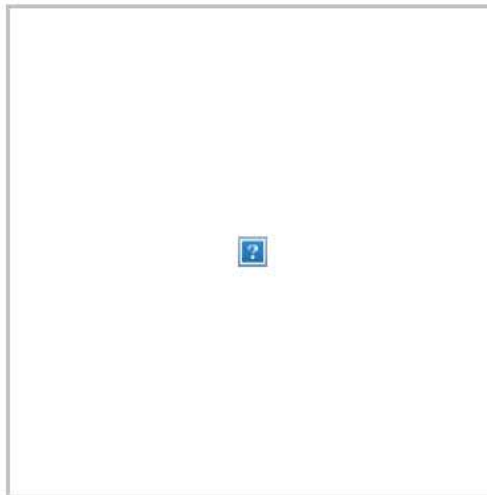
CONSERVATION PRODUCTION SYSTEMS TRAINING CONFERENCE

March 15-16 Augusta Technical College, Waynesboro

**The November/December issue of
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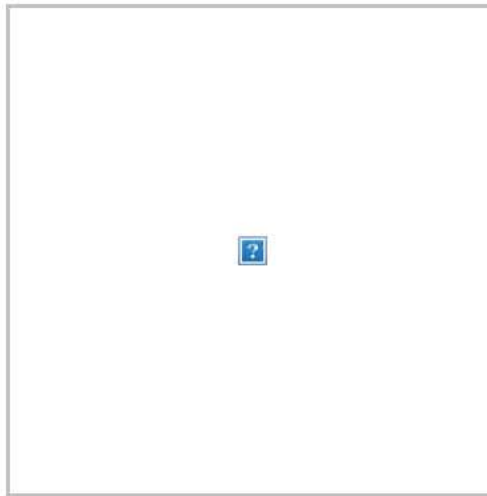


**From the Georgia Farm Monitor:
Savannah Hosts Southeast Fruit and Vegetable Growers Event**



Click anywhere in the picture above to watch this story on YouTube.

**Please look for the next issue of
GFB News Alert on February 7.**



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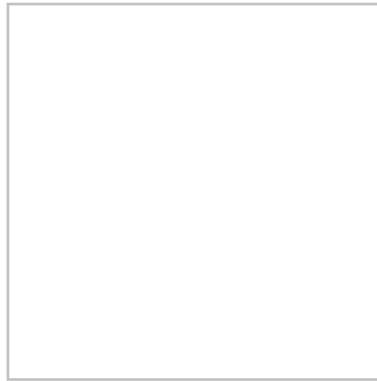
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From: [Hayes, Jennifer \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Monday
Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019 1:47:48 PM

I also meant to tell you that Friday is a surprise!

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2019 1:16 PM
To: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Monday

Thank you Jennifer. I know I have a White House conference call at 12 noon but maybe I can swing by or send something. I appreciate your thinking of me.

From: "Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue)" <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 12:55:19 PM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Monday

Hey Joyce,

We are having a (b) (6) at the Atlanta office on Monday, Feb 25 at 12:30 and would love for you to come if your schedule allows. I am so sorry for the late notice but we just confirmed the date due to so many different schedules.

Hope you can make it but completely understand if you are unable.

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From: [Harrison_Delaney \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White_Joyce - RD Athens_GA](#)
Cc: [Hayes_Jennifer \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Re: (b) (6)
Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 8:24:37 AM
Attachments: [image016.png](#)
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[image019.png](#)
[image020.png](#)

Hi Joyce!

It is so good to hear from you!! I am doing really well; thank you! How are you doing? We sure do miss you!!!

I did talk to Martha. Thank you so much for your generosity! (b) (6) will so appreciate it!! I know how much you meant to her! We completely understand why you can't make it today.

Hope to see you soon!!

Best,

Delaney Harrison

Constituent Services Representative
 Office of US Senator David Perdue
 3280 Peachtree Rd Ne; Suite 2640; Atlanta, GA

On Feb 24, 2019, at 10:32 PM, White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov> wrote:

Hey Delaney!!!! How in the world are you??? I miss you guys and keep up as much as I can. I hope you are doing great, and I am so glad to hear you got a promotion. You are so deserving.

I wanted to let you know that (b) (6)
 (b) (6) Martha Zoller may have called you
 about this. She told me she did, but she may have spoken to Katherine.

I'm sorry I won't be able to make it (b) (6), but I have to be in Athens tomorrow for meetings.
 Jennifer, thank you so much for thinking about me and sending me an invite. I do want to contribute
 though (b) (6)

She was a tremendous help to me as I set up the Senator's office in the very beginning.

Thank you for helping me out.

JOYCE WHITE
 State Director
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From: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: stephanie_lightfoot@perdue.senate.gov
Subject: FW: Chairman Conaway USDA Recommendations
Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 9:53:22 AM
Attachments: [Conaway USDA Recommendations.pdf](#) Attachment withheld (2 pages): (b)(6)

From: Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 9:49 AM
To: 'Patrick_Mapp@perdue.senate.gov' <Patrick_Mapp@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: FW: Chairman Conaway USDA Recommendations

[Please print attachment](#)

From: Schertz, Matt [<mailto:Matt.Schertz@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 6:14 PM
To: Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Fischer, Bart <Bart.Fischer@mail.house.gov>; Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC <Brian.Klippenstein@osec.usda.gov>; Clovis, Sam - OSEC, Washington, DC <Sam.Clovis@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Chairman Conaway USDA Recommendations

Heidi,

When we met a few weeks ago, I mentioned that we were compiling a list of specific candidates that the Chairman would like to recommend for positions at USDA. That list is attached to this email. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like additional detail on any of the folks we listed.

I know your schedule is crazy, but Bart and I would love to come down to the department at some point over the next couple of weeks just to visit and catch up.

As always, if there is anything we can do to be helpful, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Regards,

Matt

Matt Schertz
 Staff Director
 House Agriculture Committee

(b) (6) office

(b) (6) cell

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From: [White, Joyce \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: FW: from Kenny Tarver - Mascot Pecan Shelling Co., Inc.
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 11:39:02 AM
Attachments: [USDA - letter #1.pdf](#)
[USDA - letter #2.pdf](#)

Hey Heidi! Sorry to bother you, and I'm sincere when I say that. This issue is REAP grant related and the grant was denied, November 2, 2016. Mascot reapplied in FY17 and is being told it is pending at USDA.

I'm sure it will need to be passed along, but I'd like to keep up. Mascot Pecans is the company where we use to get chocolate covered pecans from in the Governor's office. They would send them up as a gift or Wayne Dasher would drop them off at Christmas to our office.

Hope you are great.

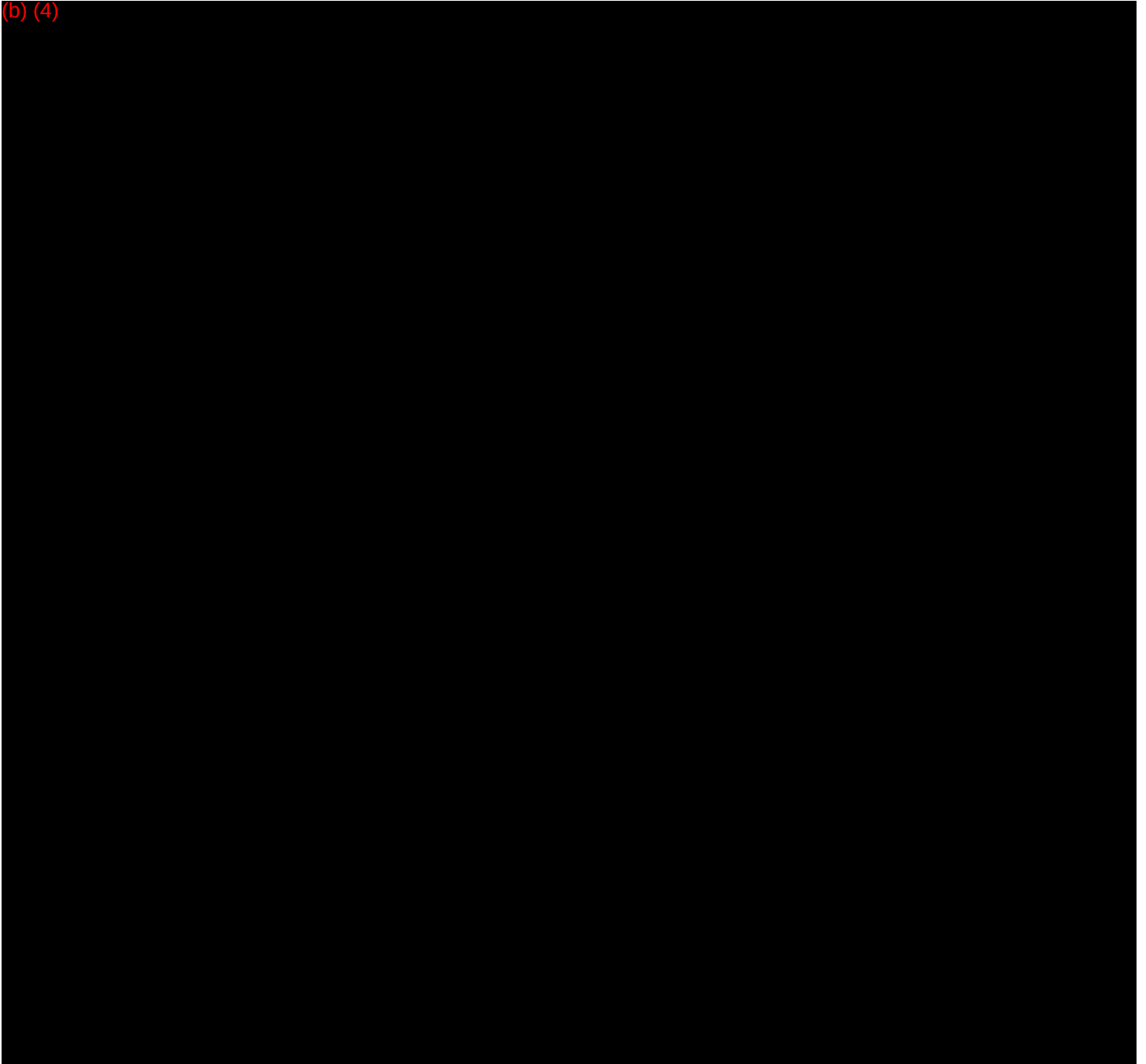
Joyce

From: Kenny Tarver [mailto:(b) (6)@mascotpecan.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 11:22 AM
To: White, Joyce (Perdue) <Joyce_White@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: FW: from Kenny Tarver - Mascot Pecan Shelling Co., Inc.

Hi Joyce,

It was a pleasure to meet both of you at the Law Enforcement Appreciation Bar-B-Que in Glennville last week. Thanks for taking the time to listen to my request for help from your office. In 2015 we applied for a USDA FY16 Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) grant request of \$500,000.00. We received notice that this grant was denied on November 2, 2016 (see attachment). WE immediately reapplied for the program in FY17. This application is now pending again at the USDA. The director of the Georgia state office of Rural Development (GSORD) during this time period was Jill Stuckey. Jill has since resigned to make way for her replacement who I understand is Heidi Green (Heidi is not listed on the website, so I am not sure she has been confirmed) from Statesboro, GA. The renewable energy coordinator in the Tifton Area Office of the Georgia state office of rural development is Allen E. Burns. "Al" Burns was my point of contact throughout the process and was the person who told us right up until the denial of award that we were the top "large" project in running (and then we lost out). I have attached the letter of denial of award so that you can have his contact information if needed. I have also included the letter acknowledging the receipt of our FY17 application from the GSORD. This should give you reference of our project from 2016 and 2017.

(b) (4)



Kenny Tarver
Mascot Pecan Shelling Co., Inc.
819 S Veterans Blvd
Glennville, GA 30427
(b) (6) cell
(b) (6) [@mascotpecan.com](mailto:(b) (6)@mascotpecan.com) email

PS — (b) (4)

(b) (4) Since my letter is already too long, I can fill you in on the rest of the story over the phone or in person. It will take a conversation to explain.

PS – I have also told this same story to Senator David Perdue’s office. I only tell you this so that we can coordinate efforts between offices and have the most effective strategy to obtain this grant and don’t want to create confusion by contacting everyone and having duplicate efforts. This is because I don’t understand government and don’t know exactly whom I should talk to about this. But I do know that it is frustrating for you to try and help someone and find out that there are duplicate efforts that are unnecessary. Hopefully, we can coordinate efforts between offices to achieve the best outcome with the least amount of duplication.



Rural Development

November 14, 2016

Georgia State Office
Ms. Jill Stuckey
State Director

Tifton Area Office
2406 North Tift Ave
STE. 103
Tifton, GA 31794

Voice 229.382.0273
Fax 855.803.3870

Mascot Pecan Shelling Company
Mr. Kenny Tarver
819 South Veterans Blvd
Glennville, GA 30427

Dear Mr. Tarver:

This will acknowledge receipt of your application in the amount of (b) (4) for a Rural Energy for America Program Grant (b) (4). This letter does not constitute approval; it is merely an acknowledgement of application receipt.

This application was received on 11/02/2016. Please be advised that grant funds cannot be used to pay for any project costs which were incurred on the project prior to this application receipt date 11/02/2016.

If your application involves construction or other activities that may adversely affect the environment, you should not proceed with construction until you receive notice of environmental clearance from Business Programs.

If you proceed with your project prior to the announcement of awards, please understand that you are taking a chance that your application will not be funded.

We will notify you if additional information is needed to complete the review of the application.

If your application is found to be complete, it will compete in the next available competition cycle. We will notify you if your application is funded. If it is not funding, your application will automatically compete in subsequent eligible competition cycles up to the maximum of five competitions for grant request of \$20,000 or less, and up to two competitions for grant requests of over \$20,000. Loan requests, regardless of amount requested, with a minimum score of 50 points will compete monthly for a maximum of twelve monthly competitions. The grant and loan competitions may include competition into the next fiscal year as well as completions in national office competition cycles.

After competing in the last eligible competition, the Agency will inform you if your application remains un-funded. The application will then be withdrawn from consideration and a new application would need to be filed.

Sincerely,

Allen E. Burns
Renewable Energy Coordinator

AG 11/15
46,30

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Rural Development

November 2, 2016

Georgia State Office
Ms. Jill Stuckey
State Director

Mascot Pecan Shelling Company
Mr. Timothy Tarver
819 South Veterans Blvd.
Glennville, Georgia 30427

Tifton Area Office
2406 North Tift Ave
STE. 103
Tifton, GA 31794

RE: FY16 Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)
Grant Request - \$500,000

Voice 229.382.0273
Fax 855.803.3870

Dear Mr. Tarver:

Thank you for your Renewable Energy System or Energy Efficiency Improvement application under USDA's Rural Energy for America Program. Your application has competed in the maximum number of competitions as set forth in RD Instruction 4280.121 and was not selected for funding.

The Agency received requests for grant funds that exceeded the funds available. Applications determined complete and eligible, competed based on the evaluation criteria set forth in RD Instruction 4280.120.

Applicants and borrowers generally have a right to appeal adverse decisions issued by the Agency. However, decisions of general applicability (program funding) are not appealable, but are reviewable. Adverse Decisions involving priority scores are appealable.

Please note, there continues to be funding opportunities with our REAP Guaranteed Loan Program which we are available to discuss with you in further detail if interested.

If you would like to discuss the eligibility requirements, guaranteed loan funding opportunities, or other aspects of the application in greater detail, please contact Allen E. Burns at (229)382-0273 ext. (b) (6).

Thank you for your interest in this program.

Sincerely,

Allen E. Burns
Renewable Energy Coordinator

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From: [Forsyth, Gabriele \(Perdue\)](#)
To: ["Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC"](#)
Cc: [Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Photo op
Date: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 9:58:19 AM

Yep – that works



GABRIELE FORSYTH
Scheduler

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455 Russell Senate Office Building | Washington, DC 20510

Direct phone: (b) (6)

From: Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 9:47 AM
To: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>; Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Photo op

Hi there,

Hope you had a good Thanksgiving! Secretary Perdue will now be attending the White House Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Wednesday afternoon, so we have rescheduled the House and Senate Ag interns meet and greet/photo for the next day- Thursday the 29th, at 4:30pm.

Will that work for your interns also? Let me know.

Thank you!
Lauren

From: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 1:16 PM
To: Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>; Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Photo op

Yes that works

GABRIELE FORSYTH
Scheduler

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Direct phone: (b) (6)

From: Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 1:10 PM
To: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>; Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Photo op

Hey there,

We have shifted this photo op/meet and greet to be on November 28th at 4:30pm. Can your 2 interns come then?

Let me know.

Thank you!
 Lauren

From: Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2018 3:45 PM
To: 'Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue)' <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>; Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Photo op

No problem. Thanks for sending!

From: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2018 3:44 PM
To: Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>; Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Photo op

Again, thank you for this – we will have Mitchel Sheffield and Ansley Green (goes by Cason) there.

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 Scheduler



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From: Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2018 11:48 AM
To: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>; Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Photo op

Hey there,

We have the House and Senate Ag Fall interns coming on Wednesday, Nov 14 at 4:45pm for a meet and greet/photos. Would your interns be able to come then and we can include them in that group? If so, please send me their names.

Thanks!
Lauren

From: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2018 11:28 AM
To: Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Photo op

Lauren –

Does Sec. Perdue ever do photo ops? I have 2-3 interns that would love a pic with the Secretary if ever possible between now and mid-December? Please.

Gabriele



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From: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senator David Perdue Votes To Secure The Southern Border
Date: Thursday, February 14, 2019 5:16:24 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 14, 2019

CONTACTS:
[Cherie Gillan](#), 202-224-6594
[Casey Black](#), 202-224-1324

Senator David Perdue Votes To Secure The Southern Border

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA) comments on the bipartisan solution to fully-fund the federal government, including border security:

“The Senate took action to address the national security crisis at our southern border. This bipartisan solution funds 55 miles of new barrier in the Rio Grande Valley border sector – the most dangerous and heavily-trafficked sector of the U.S.-Mexico border. Earlier this week, I visited the Rio Grande Valley to see the crisis firsthand. The growth in illegal drug and human trafficking is alarming. Our border patrol agents need these additional resources and barriers so they can do their jobs and protect the American people. This bipartisan package is a step in the right direction and allows President Trump to better secure the most concerning areas along our southern border.

“The fact that Congress is still discussing border security funding five months into the current fiscal year only underscores the dysfunction in Washington’s broken funding process. Additionally, I am deeply disappointed that Congress still has not addressed disaster relief funding for Georgia and other states that were devastated by last year’s hurricane and wildfire damage. Our people are hurting and in desperate need of more assistance as they work to rebuild, and we will have their backs.”

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Senator Perdue is the only Fortune 500 CEO in Congress and is serving his first term in the United States Senate, where he represents Georgia on the Armed Services, Banking, Budget, and Agriculture Committees.

From: [Johnston, Emma \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Connect
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 4:10:32 PM

Perfect. My cell is (b) (6). Have a great week!

-Emma

From: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anna.Osterlind@usda.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 4:09 PM
To: Johnston, Emma (Perdue) <Emma_Johnston@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Connect

Likewise! If you have any trouble finding me, my cell phone is (b) (6).

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Anna Osterlind
Office of Congressional Relations
U.S. Department of Agriculture
(b) (6)

From: Johnston, Emma (Perdue) <Emma_Johnston@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 11:37 AM
To: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anna.Osterlind@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Connect

Great! Looking forward to it.

-Emma

From: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anna.Osterlind@usda.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 11:30 AM
To: Johnston, Emma (Perdue) <Emma_Johnston@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Connect

Let's say, 2pm Monday at Dunkin'?

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Anna Osterlind
Office of Congressional Relations

U.S. Department of Agriculture

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From: Johnston, Emma (Perdue) <Emma_Johnston@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 11:17 AM
To: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anna.Osterlind@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Connect

Yeah that sounds great! About what time is good for you?

From: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anna.Osterlind@usda.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 11:15 AM
To: Johnston, Emma (Perdue) <Emma_Johnston@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Connect

Hi Emma,

I'm on the Hill most days, so can be fairly flexible. Maybe Monday afternoon?

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Anna Osterlind
Office of Congressional Relations
U.S. Department of Agriculture

(b) (6)

From: Johnston, Emma (Perdue) <Emma_Johnston@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 10:53 AM
To: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anna.Osterlind@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Connect

Do you have any time that next week that you will be on the Hill? Otherwise I could meet you during lunch one day.

-Emma

From: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anna.Osterlind@usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 6:19 PM
To: Johnston, Emma (Perdue) <Emma_Johnston@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Connect

Next week is fairly flexible. Let me know if there's a day/time that works best.

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Anna Osterlind
Office of Congressional Relations
U.S. Department of Agriculture

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From: Johnston, Emma (Perdue) <Emma_Johnston@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 11:29 AM
To: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anna.Osterlind@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Connect

Hey Anna,

Thanks to Lindsay for connecting us! Yes would love to meet you sometime soon. This week is pretty wild, what is your schedule like next week?

Best,

Emma

Emma Johnston | Staff Assistant
Senator David Perdue

From: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anna.Osterlind@usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 11:09 AM
To: Johnston, Emma (Perdue) <Emma_Johnston@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Connect

Thanks, Lindsay. Kicking you to BCC.

Emma – Super nice to meet you over email. Would love to chat or grab coffee at your convenience. Let me know if there's a time that works best on your end.

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Anna Osterlind
Office of Congressional Relations
U.S. Department of Agriculture

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From: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 11:01 AM
To: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anna.Osterlind@usda.gov>
Cc: emma_johnston@perdue.senate.gov
Subject: Connect

Hi Anna,

I want to connect you with Emma Johnston, a UGA gal who recently started working in Senator Perdue's office. She is interested in a few topics that you cover, particularly food safety, and I think it would be great for you to find a time to chat!

Thanks!!

Lindsay



Lindsay Moore

Staff Assistant
Office of Congressional Relations
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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senator David Perdue: This Is The Ultimate Political Hypocrisy
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 1:30:55 PM

Hello,

I would like to share Senator Perdue's Press Release below.

Thank you
Very Respectfully,
Kathy Burns

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

Subject: Senator David Perdue: This Is The Ultimate Political Hypocrisy



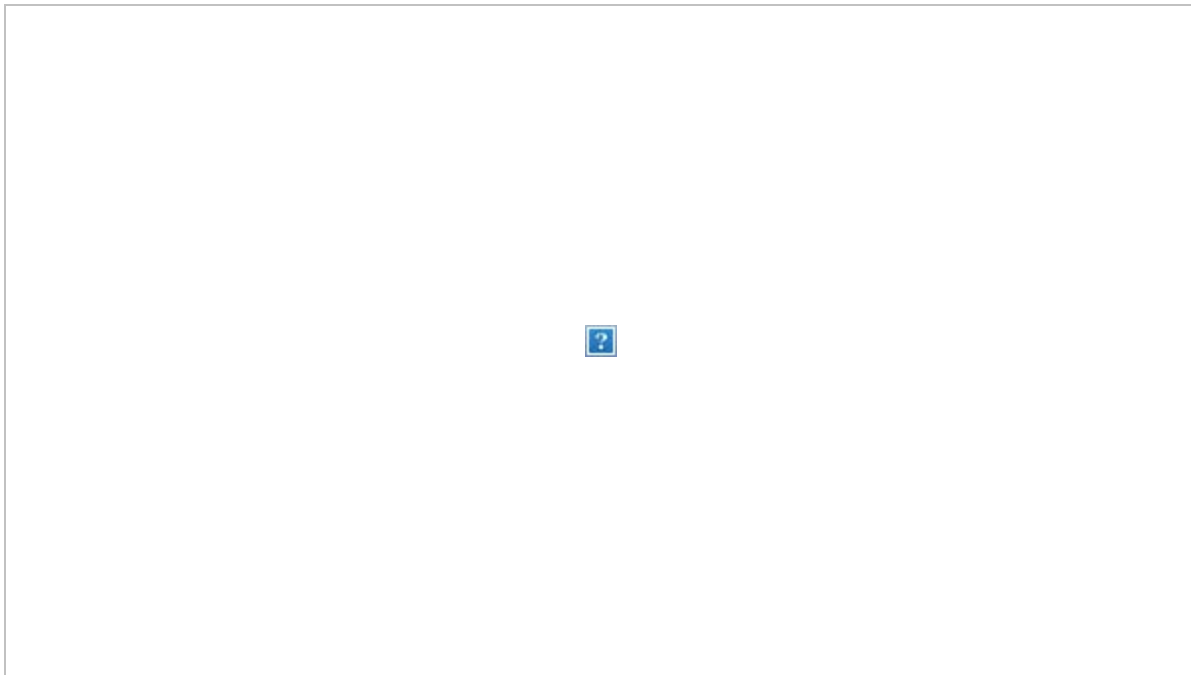
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 3, 2019

Senator David Perdue: This Is The Ultimate Political Hypocrisy

Slams Senate Democrats For Blocking Bipartisan Disaster Relief Package

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA) joined Fox News *America's Newsroom* to discuss his work to pass disaster relief in Congress. Earlier this week, Senate Democrats [blocked](#) a bipartisan disaster relief package that would have helped Georgia and other areas of the country recovering from recent natural disasters, including Puerto Rico.

Click [here](#) or on the image below to watch.



Highlights:

President Trump Backed Disaster Relief: “Farmers in the Southeast have been devastated by Hurricane Michael. Our bill also had help for wildfire victims in California and flood victims in the upper Midwest, as well as nutritional assistance for the people in Puerto Rico. This was a compromise bill. President Trump supported it, negotiated, and was totally willing to sign the bill into law. That’s the reason we got it on the floor in the Senate for a vote.”

Pure Partisan Politics: “This is nothing but partisanship. Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer don’t want to let President Trump have any victory on any issue. It’s same thing we saw on border security. For years, Democrats said there’s a crisis at the border. Even President Obama built 135 miles of barrier along the southern border and called it a crisis. Now that President Trump wants to address it, the Democrats say it’s terrible. The same hypocrisy is applying on this disaster relief.”

Political Hypocrisy: “Senator Feinstein voted against \$6 billion of aid for her state and for the victims of the wildfires. This is the ultimate political hypocrisy, and it’s the reason so many Americans are furious with the U.S. Senate right now.”

Put It In Perspective: “In 2013, the federal government appropriated \$50 billion for the victims of Hurricane Sandy, mostly in New Jersey. In 2017, \$136 billion was appropriated for three different hurricanes and wildfires. Our disaster relief package was just \$13.5 billion, and \$3 billion of that went to the farmers in the Southeast. We had a compromise disaster relief bill, and it should have been passed.”

Not Giving Up On Disaster Relief: “We are still negotiating and working on it. We’ll find some way to get disaster relief to the Senate floor. We have to make sure it can pass the House as well.”

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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Re: Hello
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 10:15:53 AM

Sounds great Joyce.

Thank you and stay warm!

Kathy

Kathy Burns
Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue



----- Original message -----

From: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Date: 1/17/18 9:58 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Hello

Wow! So glad a project has brought us together!

We too have a beautiful blanket of snow and it is so nice that my office in Athens is closed! I don't have to drive today!

Let me check my schedule for Feb 6. I know someone else had requested I come to Ft. Valley that week, so I want to make sure I don't double book myself.

Looking forward to seeing you. Greg seems like quite a guy who has a good project/service going.

Joyce

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From: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 9:48:23 AM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Hello

Hi Joyce,

We are covered in beautiful snow in West Central Georgia this morning. I hope you are doing well and keeping warm.

Greg Turton from Cordele called yesterday and said that he had spoken to you recently. He would like to know if you and I would like to visit him in Cordele to see what he has accomplished with rural broadband. Would you be interested in doing this possibly on Feb 6 at 11:00am? If this date/time isn't good for you he is open to other dates.

Thank you Joyce

Best to you!
Kathy

Kathy Burns
Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue



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To: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Bipartisan Senators Introduce Major Disaster Relief Package
Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 4:29:58 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 26, 2019

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Bipartisan Senators Introduce Major Disaster Relief Package

President Trump Drives Effort For Disaster Relief Funding

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators David Perdue (R-GA), Johnny Isakson (R-GA), Doug Jones (D-AL), Marco Rubio (R-FL), Rick Scott (R-FL), Tim Scott (R-SC), Thom Tillis (R-NC), and Dan Sullivan (R-AK) today introduced a bipartisan disaster relief package with the backing of President Donald J. Trump. President Trump, working with this bipartisan group of senators, has confirmed his support for disaster relief and encouraged Congress to pass legislation with funding for Georgia and other states that are recovering from recent hurricanes, wildfires, and other natural disasters.

“In October, President Trump and Vice President Pence both saw the devastation of Hurricane Michael firsthand and promised farmers they would have their backs. In pushing for this disaster relief bill, the President is fulfilling that promise,” **said Senator Perdue, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee.** “Now, it is up to Congress to follow through and pass this critical, bipartisan bill. Our farmers and rural communities cannot wait any longer for disaster relief. For some Georgia farmers, the timing of assistance will determine whether they put a crop in the ground ever again.”

“I’ve spoken personally with President Trump and Vice President Pence, with Senate leaders, with Governor Kemp and with Georgia farmers about our desperately needed disaster aid legislation and how to get it moving as soon as possible,” **said Senator Isakson.** “This legislation will provide critical funds to our farmers and producers who suffered significant agricultural losses in Georgia last year during Hurricane Michael. We are now close to planting season, and time is of the essence for the lives and livelihoods in the industry. We cannot overstate the importance of quickly passing this legislation to restore our agriculture community in Georgia.”

“In Alabama, we’ve seen our fair share of hurricanes, tornadoes and other severe weather over the years, but that doesn’t mean it gets any easier to either experience a disaster or to rebuild after one,” **said Senator Jones.** “Therefore, I’m proud to join Senator Perdue to introduce this

bill and help folks get back on their feet by providing \$13.6 billion in additional disaster relief funds. This bipartisan legislation will help Alabama farmers who were hard hit by Hurricane Michael.”

“While Senate Republicans voted overwhelmingly to help Florida communities devastated by Hurricane Michael earlier this year, Congress has repeatedly played politics with disaster funding at the expense of local communities still struggling to recover,” **said Senator Rubio**. “Each day that Congress fails to act, state and local governments become increasingly at risk of running out of the necessary resources needed to address critical issues and fully recover from recent disasters. Our communities should not have to suffer the consequences of Congress’s inaction any longer. It is time to act.”

“As Governor of Florida, I saw firsthand the destruction left behind by multiple devastating hurricanes,” **said Senator Rick Scott**. “Following these storms, we worked nonstop to help our communities recover – but there is still a lot to do, especially when it comes to rebuilding Tyndall Air Force Base. Disaster funding should not be a political fight and needs to be brought to the floor of the Senate as quickly as possible. I will never stop fighting for disaster funding to help Tyndall return to its full operation and make sure Florida families and businesses have the resources they need to get back to their normal lives. I’m glad this bill also includes the funding to help our friends in Puerto Rico continue to rebuild following Hurricane Maria.”

“It’s well past time for Congress to move forward with this much needed disaster funding,” **said Senator Tim Scott**. “Thanks to my colleague Senator Perdue for leading the charge, and I hope we see a vote in the immediate future.”

“Alaskans are a tough, resilient, and caring people. Within hours of the last November’s earthquake, the Trump Administration was eager to do what they could to help in the aftermath,” **said Senator Sullivan**. “In addition to the response of our local Emergency Response personnel, Alaska Department of Transportation and countless others were out inspecting and repairing infrastructure within hours – that rebuilding continues today. This bipartisan relief package provides for states like Alaska that seek to further that rebuilding process in the aftermath of a major natural disaster.”

“As North Carolina continues to recover from Hurricane Florence, this bipartisan legislation is a positive step to ensure our great state receives the resources it needs to help communities affected by the storm,” **said Senator Tillis**. “Immediately following the destruction, I worked with Senator Burr and the entire North Carolina delegation to secure an initial down payment of recovery funding on behalf of North Carolinians, but much more still needs to be done. I will continue to work with my colleagues in the Senate and ensure our families, businesses and farmers have the opportunity to rebuild from the devastation left by Hurricane Florence.”

This bipartisan funding package includes:

- Approximately \$13.6 billion in overall relief efforts to all those affected.
- Critical agriculture disaster relief for farmers recovering in the wake of Hurricane Michael and other natural disasters across the country.
- Development grants for small, rural communities impacted by natural disasters in 2018.
- Assistance for veterans’ health facilities, and military construction projects devastated

by Hurricane Michael.

- Emergency funds for critical timber, watershed, and wastewater infrastructure needs.
- Restoration of highways, aviation facilities, and other transit projects damaged by natural disasters.
- Additional \$600 million in nutrition assistance for Puerto Rico in response to President Trump's disaster declaration.

Click [here](#) for text of the bipartisan disaster relief package.

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From: [Fry, Ben \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: USDA Agency Briefing in Georgia
Date: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 4:24:51 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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Joyce,

I am so sorry! I completely dropped the ball on responding to you yesterday. I'm going to try and make it. Will RSVP now. Andrew is planning to attend as well.

Sounds like there are lots of great things going on- I'm getting all kinds of great USDA Rural Development announcements for projects here in Georgia.

Look forward to seeing you and appreciate all the help you and your team have given us.

See you Friday!

Thanks,

Ben

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 11:23 AM
To: Fry, Ben (Perdue) <Ben_Fry@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: USDA Agency Briefing in Georgia

Hey Ben: It is not necessary that you attend. I feel like you know what USDA Rural Development does, and you and I have a close enough working relationship, that you can always call me if you have any question and vice versa.

I have worked with Andrew Seaver. He's sent a couple of items my way to see if we could help. He might want to attend since he is Athens' based.

I have also worked some with Chris Perkins. He is good about dropping in on small towns in rural areas, meeting with Mayors and City Managers and then letting me know if there is a need in that area where Rural Development might be able to help. We are currently working with Milner on developing their downtown area.

Just know we have loans and grants for sewer, water projects, entrepreneurs working to start a business in a rural area, business development loans and industry loans that would build a larger company or business. We have loans for multi-family housing and for single family housing. All are very low-interest loans that can be paid over an extended period of time.

There are lots of things we can do to help rural areas. USDA Rural Development partnered with Economic Development to get Kia into West Point. I work with Sydney Smith and Pat Wilson pretty closely.

So, no need for you to attend, but let me know when you see a place where we can help. I appreciate our relationship and together, we can work on some projects that are a "win" for Georgia and for us all.

JOYCE WHITE

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Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 9:26 AM

To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>

Subject: FW: USDA Agency Briefing in Georgia

Joyce,

Good morning! Wanted to get your sense if this is something worth me attending.

Thanks,

Ben

From: Barnes, Kelsey - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Kelsey.Barnes@osec.usda.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 9:24 AM

To: Michael Reed (michael.reed@mail.house.gov) <michael.reed@mail.house.gov>; Kirchner Carr, Joan (Isakson) <Joan_Kirchner_Carr@isakson.senate.gov>; Fry, Ben (Perdue) <Ben_Fry@perdue.senate.gov>; chris.crawford@mail.house.gov; kenneth.cutts@mail.house.gov; andy.bush@mail.house.gov; kathy.register@mail.house.gov; tuere.butler@mail.house.gov; ashley.jenkins@mail.house.gov; deborah.poirot@mail.house.gov; alice.johnson@mail.house.gov; jessica.hayes@mail.house.gov; wayne.dodd@mail.house.gov; brinsley.thigpen@mail.house.gov; chandra.harris@mail.house.gov; bud.whitmaier@mail.house.gov

Subject: USDA Agency Briefing in Georgia

Goodmorning,

If you plan to attend the USDA briefing in Georgia on June 1 and have not RSVP'd yet, please do so by the end of the day.

Thanks,
Kelsey

*United States Department of Agriculture
invites
Georgia Delegation State Staff
to a USDA Agency Briefing*

*Friday, June 1, 2018
9:00am - 1:30pm
Stephens Federal Building
355 East Hancock
Athens, GA 30605*

If you have any questions, please call (b) (6).



Kelsey Barnes

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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senator David Perdue On Congress' Failure To Pass Disaster Relief
Date: Monday, April 1, 2019 7:59:10 PM

Hello,

Senator Perdue just finished speaking on the floor of the Senate. I would like to share his Press Release below.

Thank you.
Very Respectfully,
Kathy

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Senator David Perdue On Congress' Failure To Pass Disaster Relief

“Senate Democrats are using farmers in the Southeast and the people of Puerto Rico as pawns in their political game.”

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA) comments on the U.S. Senate's failure to pass a bipartisan disaster relief package for Georgia and other areas of the country impacted by recent natural disasters, including Puerto Rico.

“Washington has reached a new low,” **said Senator Perdue.** “It’s been nearly six months

since Hurricane Michael ravaged Georgia and other states across the country, and Congress has failed to help the very people it claims to represent. President Trump reached across the aisle, along with other Republicans, to compromise on disaster relief, but only one Democrat was willing to work with us. Do not be fooled – Senate Democrats are using farmers in the Southeast and the people of Puerto Rico as pawns in their political game. It is hypocritical that Democrats say they want to help Puerto Rico recover, and yet they obstruct this disaster relief. Senator Isakson and I are not giving up. We will continue fighting until we get relief for the people of Georgia and other Americans across the country.”

In February, Senator Perdue, U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA), and a group of senators [introduced](#) a bipartisan disaster relief package with funding for Georgia and other states that are recovering from recent hurricanes, wildfires, and other natural disasters.

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From: [Johnston, Emma \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Connect
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 1:02:57 PM

Yes great! I have red hair and am in a blue suit today. Looking forward to it.

From: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anna.Osterlind@usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 1:01 PM
To: Johnston, Emma (Perdue) <Emma_Johnston@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Connect

Yes, does that still work? My cell phone is (b) (6) if you have trouble finding me.

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From: Johnston, Emma (Perdue) <Emma_Johnston@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 12:58:58 PM
To: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: RE: Connect

Still available to grab coffee at 2 today in Cups?

From: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anna.Osterlind@usda.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 4:12 PM
To: Johnston, Emma (Perdue) <Emma_Johnston@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Connect

Done. Chat then. Thanks, Emma.

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Anna Osterlind
Office of Congressional Relations
U.S. Department of Agriculture
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From: Johnston, Emma (Perdue) <Emma_Johnston@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 4:12 PM
To: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anna.Osterlind@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Connect

No worries I was fine walking to House side! Yeah Cups is open at 2, wanna do that?

From: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anna.Osterlind@usda.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 4:10 PM
To: Johnston, Emma (Perdue) <Emma_Johnston@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Connect

Oops – I don't know why I suggested Dunkin. I was thinking Cups. Is Cups open at that time or would you prefer Senate Chef?

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Anna Osterlind
Office of Congressional Relations
U.S. Department of Agriculture
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From: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 4:09 PM
To: 'Johnston, Emma (Perdue)' <Emma_Johnston@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Connect

Likewise! If you have any trouble finding me, my cell phone is (b) (6)

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Anna Osterlind
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From: Johnston, Emma (Perdue) <Emma_Johnston@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 11:37 AM
To: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anna.Osterlind@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Connect

Great! Looking forward to it.

-Emma

From: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anna.Osterlind@usda.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 11:30 AM
To: Johnston, Emma (Perdue) <Emma_Johnston@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Connect

Let's say, 2pm Monday at Dunkin?

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Anna Osterlind
Office of Congressional Relations
U.S. Department of Agriculture
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From: Johnston, Emma (Perdue) <Emma_Johnston@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 11:17 AM
To: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anna.Osterlind@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Connect

Yeah that sounds great! About what time is good for you?

From: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anna.Osterlind@usda.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 11:15 AM
To: Johnston, Emma (Perdue) <Emma_Johnston@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Connect

Hi Emma,

I'm on the Hill most days, so can be fairly flexible. Maybe Monday afternoon?

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Anna Osterlind
Office of Congressional Relations
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From: Johnston, Emma (Perdue) <Emma_Johnston@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 10:53 AM
To: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anna.Osterlind@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Connect

Do you have any time that next week that you will be on the Hill? Otherwise I could meet you during lunch one day.

-Emma

From: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anna.Osterlind@usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 6:19 PM
To: Johnston, Emma (Perdue) <Emma_Johnston@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Connect

Next week is fairly flexible. Let me know if there's a day/time that works best.

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Anna Osterlind
Office of Congressional Relations
U.S. Department of Agriculture
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From: Johnston, Emma (Perdue) <Emma_Johnston@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 11:29 AM
To: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anna.Osterlind@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Connect

Hey Anna,

Thanks to Lindsay for connecting us! Yes would love to meet you sometime soon. This week is pretty wild, what is your schedule like next week?

Best,

Emma

Emma Johnston | Staff Assistant
Senator David Perdue

From: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anna.Osterlind@usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 11:09 AM
To: Johnston, Emma (Perdue) <Emma_Johnston@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Connect

Thanks, Lindsay. Kicking you to BCC.

Emma – Super nice to meet you over email. Would love to chat or grab coffee at your convenience. Let me know if there's a time that works best on your end.

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Anna Osterlind
Office of Congressional Relations
U.S. Department of Agriculture
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From: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 11:01 AM
To: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anna.Osterlind@usda.gov>
Cc: emma.johnston@perdue.senate.gov
Subject: Connect

Hi Anna,

I want to connect you with Emma Johnston, a UGA gal who recently started working in Senator Perdue's office. She is interested in a few topics that you cover, particularly food safety, and I think it would be great for you to find a time to chat!

Thanks!!

Lindsay



Lindsay Moore
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To: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: SOON – Senator Perdue To Speak On Disaster Relief
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 5:50:56 PM

Good Afternoon – Just want to give you a heads up that Senator Perdue is heading to the Senate floor now to speak about disaster relief. He'll get started around **6:00pm ET.**

As a reminder, the Senate just voted to begin debate on the disaster relief package – 90-10.

Recently, Senator Perdue said, ***"Our farmers simply cannot wait on disaster relief any longer. The situation in my state is dire. Rural communities are suffering. Economic activity is at an absolute standstill in many places because the federal government has yet to do its job. If we do not help these people right now, they may lose their businesses and livelihoods through no fault of their own. That's the reality we're facing here."***

"It's time to step up and do the right thing."

[WATCH HERE.](#)

Thanks,

Casey Black

@SenDavidPerdue

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From: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senator Perdue, Congressman Scott Secure Funding For HBCU Agriculture Scholarships
Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 6:28:42 PM



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December 12, 2018

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Senator Perdue, Congressman Scott Secure Funding For HBCU Agriculture Scholarships

Included In 2018 Farm Bill, Which Now Heads To President Trump's Desk To Become Law

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA) and U.S. Representative David Scott (D-GA-13), both members of the Bipartisan Congressional Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Caucus, have secured funding in the 2018 Farm Bill for agriculture-focused scholarships at Historically Black Land-Grant Colleges and Universities across the country.

“As a member of the HBCU Caucus, one of my top priorities is increasing opportunities for all students to pursue the skills they need to succeed,” **said Senator Perdue, member of the Senate Agriculture Committee.** “Agriculture is Georgia’s number one industry and a major reason why our state continues to be the best state in the country in which to do business. In order to secure the future of farming in Georgia and across the country, we have to find ways to encourage diverse and qualified leadership and ownership in our agricultural community. These scholarships will help young farmers become the nation’s next agriculture leaders. I am very grateful for Congressman Scott’s commitment and perseverance in supporting our HBCUs in Georgia.”

“This is Historic. A glorious example of bipartisanship, Democrats and Republicans, working together,” **said Congressman Scott, member of the House Agriculture Committee.** “I am especially proud of the \$80M we have secured in funding for new scholarships for students attending the 19 African American 1890’s land-grant colleges and universities across the nation. These scholarships will play a critical role in providing greater assistance for beginning farmers, and providing financial scholarships to bring more young people of all races who attend these outstanding universities for careers in the wonderful, and exciting, and growing world of agriculture businesses. I thank Senator David Perdue for his help getting the scholarships in the Senate bill. This is a great blessing from God and we are thankful.”

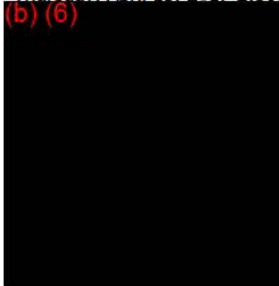
Background on the amendment secured by Senator Perdue and Congressman Scott:

- In the Second Morrill Act of 1890, the 1890s Land grant institutions must receive funding through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) every 5 years.
- Currently, these funds can be used for three purposes: research, education, and extension as authorized by the Farm Bill. Senator Perdue and Congressman Scott's amendment will add a fourth purpose – student scholarships – and will provide an additional \$19 million dollars of funding annually for the 19 Historically Black Land-Grant colleges and universities.
- The additional funds will be distributed by USDA and will apply to students with agriculture-focused studies, such as agribusiness, food production, distribution and retailing, clothing industries, and farming in marketing, finance, and distribution.

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From: [Hancock, Lauren \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [\(b\) \(6\)](#) [Dickey, Derrick \(Perdue\)](#) [Heidi Green](#)
Subject: Resumes
Date: Thursday, April 13, 2017 2:56:33 PM
Attachments: [\(b\) \(6\)](#)



Hey Heidi—

Attached are the new resumes that we received and wanted to pass along. Have a table of contents doc attached also titled “4.13.17 USDA Resumes.”

If I can clarify anything, my cell number is [\(b\) \(6\)](#).

Lauren

From: [Hayes, Jennifer \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [AGSEC - OES](#)
Cc: [Sindall, David - OSEC](#)
Subject: FW: Senator Perdue's Follow Up Inquiry for (b) (6)
Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:40:46 AM
Attachments: [StreamDownloader.pdf](#) Privacy Act Release Form, withheld in full (b)(6)
Importance: High

Dear USDA,

I submitted the attached inquiry on 1/27/17 on behalf of (b) (6). To date, I have not received a response. According to your rules and regulations, is there any way to expedite a response on this?

Thank you in advance for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Hayes

Jennifer Hayes

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From: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue)
Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2017 11:18 AM
To: 'Petrzelka, Joe - OSEC' <Joe.Petrzelka@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Senator Perdue's Follow Up Inquiry for (b) (6)

Dear Joe,

I wanted to follow up on an inquiry that I sent to you on 1/27/17. Please see the attached again for your reference.

Could you please give me an update on this? Thank you!

Sincerely,
Jennifer

Jennifer Hayes

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From: [Waldrop, PJ \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Big day today
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 11:49:07 AM

Got it. Thanks so much,

-PJW

From: Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Waldrop, PJ (Perdue) <PJ_Waldrop@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Big day today

You are on SC entry list along with Derrick. I believe rest of office has been invited to USDA.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 24, 2017, at 11:32 AM, Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

Swearing in at SC. Reception is at USDA.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 24, 2017, at 11:17 AM, Waldrop, PJ (Perdue) <PJ_Waldrop@perdue.senate.gov> wrote:

Thanks,

Was the swearing in moved to USDA? I thought it was at the Supreme Court? I'll be there either way.

-PJW

From: Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC
[<mailto:Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 11:16 AM
To: Waldrop, PJ (Perdue) <PJ_Waldrop@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Big day today

Can send to these me or Brian Klippenstein. I am going to put out a list I early May. Have a couple more people coming onboard in next week to help. We talked to the current president of SNA on Friday though.

Thanks so much for all your support. See you tomorrow at USDA?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 24, 2017, at 10:50 AM, Waldrop, PJ (Perdue)
<PJ_Waldrop@perdue.senate.gov> wrote:

Congratulations on seeing the finish line.

On the question below, to whom would you like me to direct her? Do you have a temporary assignment sheet that is distributable for these types of questions?

Thanks,

-PJW

From: Santos, Rachel (Appropriations)
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 10:46 AM
To: Waldrop, PJ (Perdue) <PJ_Waldrop@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject:

Do you have a contact person at USDA that I can put the head of SNA in touch with to discuss school meals?

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Rachel M. Santos
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development,
FDA, and Related Agencies

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From: [Sweat, Jenni \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Sweat, Jenni \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senator David Perdue: Farm Bill Is A Jobs Bill
Date: Thursday, June 28, 2018 2:14:13 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)



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June 28, 2018

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[Casey Black](#), 202-224-1324

Senator David Perdue: Farm Bill Is A Jobs Bill

“Agriculture is not just a business, it's a way of life for many people around our country”

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA), a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, spoke on the Senate floor about the 2018 Farm Bill, which is currently being considered by the U.S. Senate.

Click [here](#) or on the image below to watch.



Highlights:

Farm Bill Is A Jobs Bill: “One thing is very clear: this Farm Bill is indeed a jobs bill. Getting this across the finish line is simply a must for rural communities in Georgia and around the country.”

Prioritizes People: “I grew up working on the land and learned many hard lessons. At an early age, I learned that agriculture is not just a business, it's a way of life for many people around our country. This Farm Bill is an investment in those people, in our ag industry, and indeed in our country.”

Provides Certainty: “Over the long term, this will bring certainty to the American agriculture community. The last thing family farms need from Washington is more burdens, more regulations, and more intrusion.”

Achieves The Objective: “We have cracked down on fraud within the food stamps program. We have advanced turf grass and timber research. We have included provisions important to land grant universities. Now, this Farm Bill is not perfect, but it is a great compromise that achieves the objective.”

Competing Globally: “One provision that was eliminated would have helped ensure American textile mills have the tools they need to compete with other countries. I hope we can find a way to fix that.”

One-Size-Fits-All Doesn't Work: “Farms across our country have considerable differences based on things from region to crops to climate conditions. Given these differences, one-size-fits-all measurements clearly don't work. It's unfortunate there is now an amendment on this Farm Bill that would measure contributions to the family farm by applying a single manual threshold for farms across the country. I think this is just wrong.”

Family Effort Should Be Recognized: “The opportunity to qualify as an ‘active contributor’ to the farm through management, bookkeeping, and other activities is important because it recognizes the contributions of all family members and individuals who actually participate in farming operations. I can tell you from personal experience that if it were not for my aunts, my cousins, my uncles, our farms would not have been successful. The point is even if an individual never drives a tractor, never plows a field, never milks a cow, he or she can still provide an important contribution to the vitality of the farm operation. It's a business, after all. Between now and when this Farm Bill reaches President Trump's desk, I hope this problem with the bill gets fixed.”

Backbone Of Agriculture: “I can tell you nobody gets 100% of everything they want in any deal. That's what we are here talking about today. While the current Farm Bill is not perfect, I encourage every member to support it and vote for it. It provides certainty in a very uncertain world for our agriculture community and the families who are the backbone of this industry.”

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From: [Forsyth, Gabriele \(Perdue\)](#)
To: ["Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC"; Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#)
Cc: [Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting with nominee Naomi Earp
Date: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 12:04:59 PM

We are still trying to determine if the Senate is even in session. Regardless, Friday is unavailable due to McCain ceremony.



GABRIELE FORSYTH
Scheduler

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Direct phone: (b) (6)

From: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 12:00 PM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>; Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>; Lightfoot, Stephanie (Perdue) <Stephanie_Lightfoot@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC <Brock.Densel@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting with nominee Naomi Earp

Hello all!

I wanted to circle back and see if the Senator or staff have time this week to meet with our two nominees, Naomi Earp and Mindy Brashears? Ms. Earp is available most of tomorrow, Thursday and Friday and Ms. Brashears most of Thursday and Friday.

Please let me know if you find some times that work.

Thanks!

Lindsay

From: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 2:13 PM
To: 'daniel_hale@perdue.senate.gov' <daniel_hale@perdue.senate.gov>; 'Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue)' <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>; 'stephanie_lightfoot@perdue.senate.gov' <stephanie_lightfoot@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC <Brock.Densel@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Meeting with nominee Naomi Earp

Good afternoon all,

I hope you are doing well! Naomi Earp, who has been nominated to serve as the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at USDA, will be in DC next week and would like to set up a meeting with the Senator and/or staff if possible. She will be available any time Monday through Friday. Please let me know if any of these options would work for your boss or staff. If not, I will circle back when she returns to DC and we can try again at that time.

Best,

Lindsay



Lindsay Moore

Staff Assistant
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United States Department of Agriculture
Office: (b) (6)
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From: [Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Travel notification
Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017 3:52:14 PM

Thanks a lot Joby. Unfortunately, the Senator won't be able to attend after all, but we definitely appreciate the heads up. Thanks, Daniel

From: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 12:05 PM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Travel notification

Daniel,

Here are the details at this time:

1. Mason Farm - (b) (6) – 12:15PM
 - a. The Secretary will tour damaged pecan orchard and return to staging area for discussion and media interviews.
2. Shiloh Farm - (b) (6) – 2:15PM
 - a. The Secretary will conduct aerial observation and on the ground meeting.
3. Watson Farms - (b) (6) – 3:35PM
 - a. The Secretary will observe damage and participate in discussion and media interviews.

Please advise as to Sen. Perdue's availability/participation in any of these stops as soon as you can. I'll be on the ground. If he is attending you can use my cell for day-of contact. (b) (6)

Thanks,

Joby



Joby Young

Chief of Staff – Office of Congressional Relations

United States Department of Agriculture
Office: (202) 720-3696

From: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) [mailto:Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 5:54 PM
To: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: RE: Travel notification

Any idea where specifically he'll be going?

From: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 4:37 PM

To: hart.thompson@mail.house.gov; Ada.bacetty@mail.house.gov; marydee.beal@mail.house.gov; brian.duckworth@mail.house.gov; thomas.dorney@mail.house.gov; nicholas.scoufaras@mail.house.gov; Craig.Anderson@mail.house.gov; sally.larson@mail.house.gov; caryn.hamner@mail.house.gov; susannah.johnston@mail.house.gov; zellie.duvall@mail.house.gov; gary.woodward@mail.house.gov; Dustin.Davidson@mail.house.gov; Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>; Layson, Brett (Isakson) <Brett_Layson@isakson.senate.gov>; jason.lawrence@mail.house.gov; Reed, Michael <Michael.Reed@mail.house.gov>

Subject: Travel notification

All:

Wanted to send you all an initial notification that the Secretary will be traveling to GA on this Friday, September 15th to survey Hurricane Irma damage. We anticipate that he will be in middle and south Georgia. We'll follow up with more details when we have them.

-Joby

Joby Young

Chief of Staff – Office of Congressional Relations



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From: [Hayes, Jennifer \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Reese McCranie](#); [Miller, Jannine - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Andrew Burruss](#); [White, Joyce \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: Senator Perdue's Inquiry RE: IRMA HELP for two Georgians stuck in Tortola
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 10:19:12 AM

Wonderful news! I received word last night from another of Andrew's friends that they had made it out safely and was so relieved to hear!

We continue to work with the Department of State and FEMA to assist other travelers who are still stranded. Thanks again for reaching out to our office.

Sincerely,
 Jennifer

From: Reese McCranie [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 9:39 AM
To: Miller, Jannine - OSEC, Washington, DC <Jannine.Miller@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>; Andrew Burruss (b) (6) @berkeassessment.com>
Subject: Re: Senator Perdue's Inquiry RE: IRMA HELP for two Georgians stuck in Tortola

Hello all!

(b) (6) got out okay. They are now in San Juan. I understand there are many other Americans still stranded in BVI, though.

Thank you so much for your help.

- Reese

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 11, 2017, at 1:29 AM, Miller, Jannine - OSEC, Washington, DC
 <Jannine.Miller@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

Thanks so much, Jennifer! You're the best!

Jannine

From: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) [mailto:Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 1:07 AM
To: (b) (6) @berkeassessment.com
Cc: Miller, Jannine - OSEC, Washington, DC <Jannine.Miller@osec.usda.gov>; (b) (6); White, Joyce (Perdue) <Joyce_White@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: FW: Senator Perdue's Inquiry RE: IRMA HELP for two Georgians stuck in

Tortola

Dear Mr. Burruss,

Below you will find the latest response that I received from the Task Force at the Department of State. We are also trying to reach the Embassy. I will keep you updated as I receive more information.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Hayes

From: IrmaCongressionalUSC **Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2017 12:11 AM
To: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Senator Perdue's Inquiry RE: IRMA HELP for two Georgians stuck in Tortola
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Hi Jennifer,

Thanks for reaching out. The information has been entered into our database. If you receive further updates, please do keep us posted. We do not have any information on evacuations from the British Virgin Islands at this time. Please advise them to contact local authorities. I have also included the emergency number for the U.S. embassy below.

Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean: <https://bb.usembassy.gov/>
Emergency After-Hours Telephone: (246) 227-4000

Regards,
Daniel

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From: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senator David Perdue: This Is The Ultimate Political Hypocrisy
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 12:41:24 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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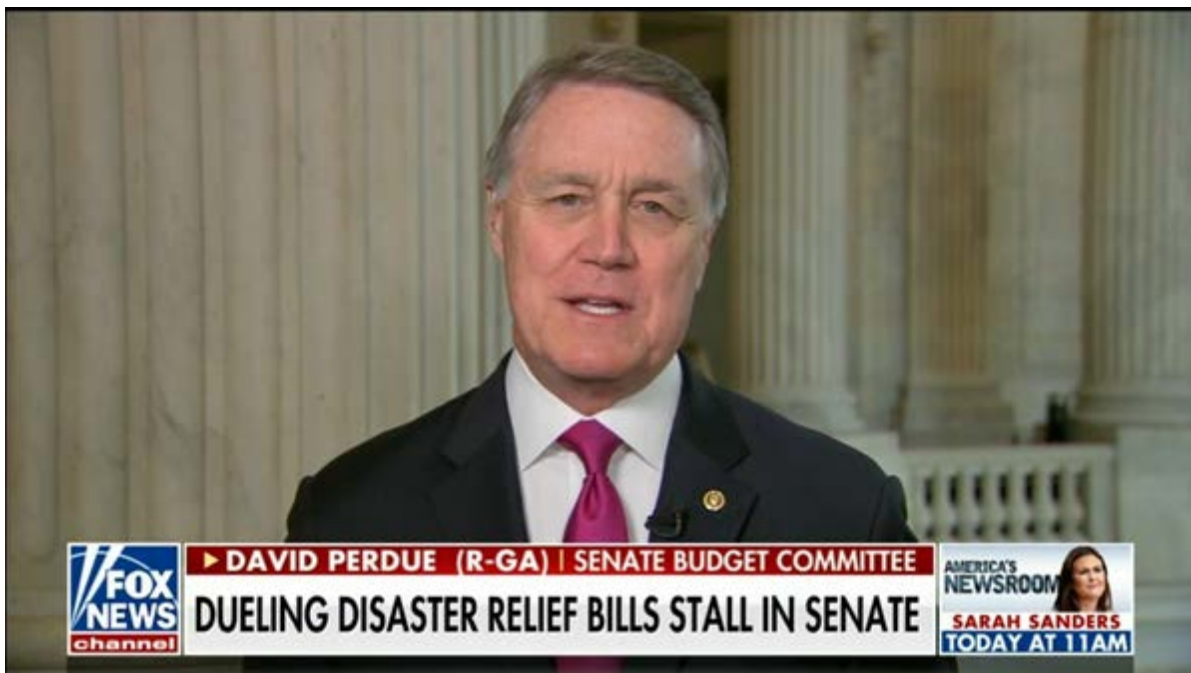
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Senator David Perdue: This Is The Ultimate Political Hypocrisy

Slams Senate Democrats For Blocking Bipartisan Disaster Relief Package

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA) joined Fox News *America's Newsroom* to discuss his work to pass disaster relief in Congress. Earlier this week, Senate Democrats [blocked](#) a bipartisan disaster relief package that would have helped Georgia and other areas of the country recovering from recent natural disasters, including Puerto Rico.

Click [here](#) or on the image below to watch.



Highlights:

President Trump Backed Disaster Relief: “Farmers in the Southeast have been devastated by Hurricane Michael. Our bill also had help for wildfire victims in California and flood victims in the upper Midwest, as well as nutritional assistance for the people in Puerto Rico. This was a compromise bill. President Trump supported it, negotiated, and was totally willing to sign the bill into law. That’s the reason we got it on the floor in the Senate for a vote.”

Pure Partisan Politics: “This is nothing but partisanship. Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer don’t want to let President Trump have any victory on any issue. It’s same thing we saw on border security. For years, Democrats said there’s a crisis at the border. Even President Obama built 135 miles of barrier along the southern border and called it a crisis. Now that President Trump wants to address it, the Democrats say it's terrible. The same hypocrisy is applying on this disaster relief.”

Political Hypocrisy: “Senator Feinstein voted against \$6 billion of aid for her state and for the victims of the wildfires. This is the ultimate political hypocrisy, and it’s the reason so many Americans are furious with the U.S. Senate right now.”

Put It In Perspective: “In 2013, the federal government appropriated \$50 billion for the victims of Hurricane Sandy, mostly in New Jersey. In 2017, \$136 billion was appropriated for three different hurricanes and wildfires. Our disaster relief package was just \$13.5 billion, and \$3 billion of that went to the farmers in the Southeast. We had a compromise disaster relief bill, and it should have been passed.”

Not Giving Up On Disaster Relief: “We are still negotiating and working on it. We’ll find some way to get disaster relief to the Senate floor. We have to make sure it can pass the House as well.”

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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Joyce White](#)
Subject: Georgia Farmers & Agriculture Leaders Applaud 2018 Farm Bill
Date: Monday, June 25, 2018 8:33:25 PM

Hi Joyce!!

I hope you are doing well. I know you already know all of these Ag issues, but I wanted to share this Press Release from DP.

Best to you!
Kathy

Kathy Burns
Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue



----- Original message -----

From: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: 6/25/18 8:12 PM (GMT-05:00)
To:
Subject: Georgia Farmers & Agriculture Leaders Applaud 2018 Farm Bill

Hello,

I want to share Senator Perdue's Press Release below.

Thank you.
Very Respectfully,
Kathy

Kathy Burns
Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue



----- Original message -----



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 25, 2018

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING:

Georgia Farmers & Agriculture Leaders Applaud 2018 Farm Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Georgia farmers and agriculture industry leaders are applauding committee passage of the 2018 Farm Bill. As a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA) helped craft the bipartisan plan and [secured a number of provisions](#) important to Georgia. The Farm Bill now heads to the Senate floor for a vote.

Georgia Agribusiness Council: “Having a bipartisan Farm Bill advance in the Senate gives great hope for a struggling, complicated agriculture industry. There is much to celebrate in the provisions of this legislation. These benefits will support not only our farmers, but the rural communities that rely on their determination and sustainability. We thank Senator Perdue for acting on the needs of this vital industry.” – *Bryan Tolar, President, Georgia Agribusiness Council*

Georgia Cotton Commission: “We in Georgia agriculture thank Senator Perdue for his leadership on moving the Farm Bill forward. While this bill is not perfect with cotton funding reduced, if it passes, it will allow for farmers like me to go forward and make long term plans for the future of our small businesses. The stability this bill gives farmers will also help our struggling rural communities.” – *Bart Davis, Chairman, Georgia Cotton Commission*

Georgia Department of Agriculture: “Farmers need certainty. There are several aspects of this committee passed Farm Bill that will give them that assurance, and perhaps the process of finding some common ground with America’s farm policy will contribute to progress in meeting other challenges facing the nation as well.” – *Commissioner Gary W. Black, Georgia Department of Agriculture*

Georgia Forestry Association: “With the inclusion of provisions such as the ‘Timber Innovation Act’ and the ‘Working Lands for Wildlife’ voluntary species conservation program, the Senate Farm Bill’s commitment to Georgia’s 450,000 private forest landowners is clear. We applaud the leadership of Senator Perdue and the entire Senate Agriculture Committee for delivering a bill that moves the needle forward on protection of private property rights and the creation of new markets for forest products among the myriad of other competing priorities sought for this bill.” – *Andres Villegas, President and CEO, Georgia Forestry Association*

Georgia Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association: “Georgia’s fruit and vegetable industry is pleased the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee has passed bipartisan legislation moving the 2018 Farm Bill forward. Senator David Perdue’s service on the Agriculture Committee played a critical role in assuring our specialty crop producers had a voice during the drafting of the farm bill legislation. Senator Perdue hosted a separate specialty crop and research listening session in Tifton, Georgia, earlier this year, to hear directly from our leadership about how the Farm Bill relates to our industry. These top specialty crop provisions were included in the legislation. We are very grateful for his leadership on our issues of importance.” – *Charles Hall, Executive Director, Georgia Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association*

Georgia Peanut Commission: “We are very pleased the bill is moving forward. This is a good farm bill for all peanut regions and segments of the peanut industry. The bipartisan vote in support of the farm bill is indicative of committee leadership working together. Without representation on the Agriculture Committee, it would be difficult for our voices to be heard.” – *Armond Morris, Chairman, Georgia Peanut Commission*

Fort Valley State University: “I am very pleased that there are several 1890 University priorities included in the Senate Farm Bill legislation that will directly benefit the Fort Valley State University community. The 1890 student scholarship in agriculture program that Senator Perdue helped spearhead in the Senate will help dozens of students each year achieve their

dreams of going to college. In addition, the new 1890 Centers of Excellence initiative is one that I am particularly excited about for FVSU and our student and faculty research efforts. I want to thank Senator Perdue and our Georgia delegation for putting the educational and agricultural needs of Georgia's universities first." – *Dr. Paul Jones, President, Fort Valley State University*

Southern Cotton Growers, Inc.: "We greatly appreciate Senator Perdue and the Committee as a whole for their bipartisan approach in delivering a Farm Bill in an expeditious manner. We also thank Senator Perdue for his leadership in fighting back damaging amendments and preserving the safety net for cotton and other southern commodities." – *David Ruppenicker, CEO, Southern Cotton Growers, Inc.*

American Peanut Shellers Association: "The State of Georgia grows and shells more peanuts than any other state in the United States. That growing and shelling combined with related services and product manufacturing supplies a huge economic benefit to the state as well as employment for thousands of Georgians. Historically, farm bills have not passed Congress by the expiration of the existing Farm Bill and extensions have been necessary. We applaud Senator Perdue as a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee for his efforts in passing this new strong Farm Bill through committee and on its way to the floor of the Senate before the expiration of the current Farm Bill." – *John T. Powell, Executive Director, American Peanut Shellers Association*

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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Re: Contact
Date: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 11:07:55 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Hi Joyce!!

Thank you for your note. Wow, with 95 folks I know you are busy. You are very organized and are doing a fantastic job I'm sure!

I will give your contact info to Merrilee Gober-- thank you. Breastfeeding has been in the Press so this is timely.

Yes, the Boss definitely led the charge on working through the recess--- "Make Congress Work Again" is our message. I love it and so do our Constituents.

I think of you often and hope to see you "out there " soon.

Thank you again Joyce
Best to you
Kathy

Kathy Burns
Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue



----- Original message -----

From: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Date: 6/18/18 4:37 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Contact

Kathy: Did I ever answer you? If not, I apologize. I have been traveling so much and was gone all last week.

I'm happy to speak with anyone you think I might be able to help. My contact info is below or they

can e-mail me.

I think it is so great that we can still work together in some form or fashion. I have done a couple of things with Andrew Seaver and a couple with Chris Perkins.

I'm doing fine with my new job. It's just a big job!!!! Overseeing 95 folks is a bit much. Too much drama. I do love my job though and the mission of Rural Development. It is something I believe in.

I remain proud of all the work David and our team continues to do. I keep up as best as I can. I know the summer recess is cancelled and I know he probably led the charge on that.

I hope to see you somewhere soon.

JOYCE WHITE

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From: Burns, Kathy (Perdue) [mailto:Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov]

Sent: Friday, June 8, 2018 12:17 PM

To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>

Subject: Contact

Hi Joyce,

I hope you are doing well! I think of you often and know you are doing wonderful work at the USDA.

I met with two constituents from the Georgia Medical Alliance regarding the challenges of breastfeeding programs and lactation specialists in Georgia. Coincidentally, they are working with President Buchanan at Andrews College on possibly getting an accredited lactation specialist program there.

Our staff believe many of their concerns fall under the USDA. Would it be okay for me to provide them with your contact information or someone on your staff who could possibly meet with them?

Thank you Joyce!! Have a wonderful weekend.

Very Respectfully,
Kathy

Kathy Burns
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From: [Craig, Parker \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: (b) (6) Costanza Farms
Subject: Referral
Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 6:11:23 PM

Brian,

Mr. Costanza, with the National Council of Agriculture Employers, stopped by Senator Perdue's office today with some inquiries and thoughts for the Governor. I spoke with Brian Folkerts, who asked that I refer the gentlemen to you if his wish was to communicate with the Office of the Secretary. I hope this email finds you well.

Respectfully,



PARKER S. CRAIG
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From: [Zoller, Martha \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: STEM Education Listening Session Invitation
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 5:28:46 PM
Attachments: [image016.png](#)
[image017.png](#)
[image019.png](#)
[image020.png](#)

I'm out of town but will check with Greg and let you know.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Martha Zoller

(b) (6)

I use voice dictate so please excuse any typos or misspellings.

----- Original message -----

From: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Date: 3/14/18 4:20 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Zoller, Martha (Perdue)" <Martha_Zoller@perdue.senate.gov>, "Brown, Toni (Isakson)" <Toni_Brown@isakson.senate.gov>
Cc: "Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA" <Deborah.Callahan@ga.usda.gov>, "Taylor, Reggie - RD, Athens, GA" <Reggie.Taylor@ga.usda.gov>, "Taylor, Jacqueline - RD, Athens, GA" <Jacqueline.Taylor@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: STEM Education Listening Session Invitation

Hi Martha and Toni:

I hope the both of you are well.

I wanted to invite you, and whomever you deem appropriate, to a STEM Education Listening Session on Thursday March 22, 2018.

Apparently, there are dollars left in the "kitty" that are appropriated for STEM education. The USDA National Office is looking for ideas about the best way to use these dollars. Your input would be appreciated.

This listening session will be held at the Middle Georgia Regional Commission, 175 Emery Hwy, Macon, GA 31217 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. Then there will be a Distance Learning and Telemedicine workshop that begins at 1:00 and runs until 2:30. In this workshop, those who need help with grant writing will be guided through the process.

At the listening session, there will be questions provided to provoke discussion on how to best spend these dollars.

Please let me know if you or someone on your staff can attend. I would suggest any field rep who serves a rural area would be a good candidate for attendance. Of course, I'd love to see the both of you as well.

Thanks so much!

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From: [White, Joyce \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: FW: Request: GA State Director Appointment USDA, Rural Development--(b) (6)
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 2:51:47 PM
Attachments: [image009.png](#)
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[image012.png](#)
[image013.png](#)
[1201_001.pdf](#)
[Re Meeting request--\(b\) \(6\).msg](#)

Great to see you yesterday. Jeff and I appreciated the hospitality and just to see you for a bit.

How do you want us to handle resumes of people wanting a job with USDA within the state? (b) (6)

[REDACTED]

Thanks,
Joyce

From: Ziesenhene, Greg (Perdue)
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 12:31 PM
To: White, Joyce (Perdue) <Joyce.White@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Zoller, Martha (Perdue) <Martha.Zoller@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: FW: Request: GA State Director Appointment USDA, Rural Development--(b) (6)
(b) (6)

Joyce,
Late on Wednesday, (b) (6)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

See attached resume.

(b) (6) sent the below e-mail with attached resume to our Team (Blake & Isabelle) on January 26th. I asked her to resend it to me and I sent her the below acknowledgement of receipt, telling her I'd forward to you and you'd forward to Derrick, who's in-contact with the President Trump Administration—the standard response for all applicants.

Current Status: (b) (6)

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Also, (b) (6) is requesting a “brief” meeting with the Senator and/or the appropriate staff on Wednesday afternoon (Mar 29th) or sometime Thursday (March 30th). The attached e-mail has the background information on her “recent” request with our office and the other GA Congressional Offices as well.

Of course, after I received that, I sent her the scheduling request form and; then, I called her to get some greater insight into her intent, purpose and prior actions regarding these asks from her.

Greg

BB: (b) (6)

IPhone: (b) (6)

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 2:55 PM

To: Ziesenhene, Greg (Perdue) <Greg_Ziesenhene@perdue.senate.gov>

Subject: FW: Georgia State Director Appointment USDA, Rural Development

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 8:15 AM

To: 'Blake_Raulerson@perdue.senate.gov' <Blake_Raulerson@perdue.senate.gov>;

'isabelle_isakson@perdue.senate.gov' <isabelle_isakson@perdue.senate.gov>

Subject: Georgia State Director Appointment USDA, Rural Development

Good Morning,

First I want to thank you and all of Senator Perdue’s staff for your gracious hospitality and for what I am sure amounted to many hours of hard work in preparation for President Trump’s

inauguration. (b) (6)

(b) (6) It was one of the more memorable experiences of my life. Please extend my thanks and gratitude to Senator Perdue.

I am in hopes that you will pass this email and attachments on to Senator Perdue for his consideration. I am interested in filling the now vacant position of State Director with USDA, Rural Development in Georgia. The attached information was submitted through Trump's Presidential Transition website a few weeks ago. Since then, I have made quite a few contacts in hopes that I might be able to receive favorable approval for appointment to this position. (b) (6)

(b) (6)

I don't have the tally for FY 2016 yet, but in FY 2015, Georgia USDA, Rural Development invested \$30.84 million in Georgia's rural businesses, \$538.48 million in loans and grants to build, repair, and purchase homes, \$46.7 million in expanding, purchasing and supporting the development of police and emergency fire stations, equipment, libraries, child care centers, hospitals, clinics and schools and \$302 million for infrastructure projects to provide clean drinking water, waste treatment systems, electric power and telecommunications in rural communities in Georgia. We do a lot of good things for rural Georgia. I want to be a part of continuing this effort. I am proud of the difference that Georgia Rural Development makes in the lives of rural Georgia citizens.

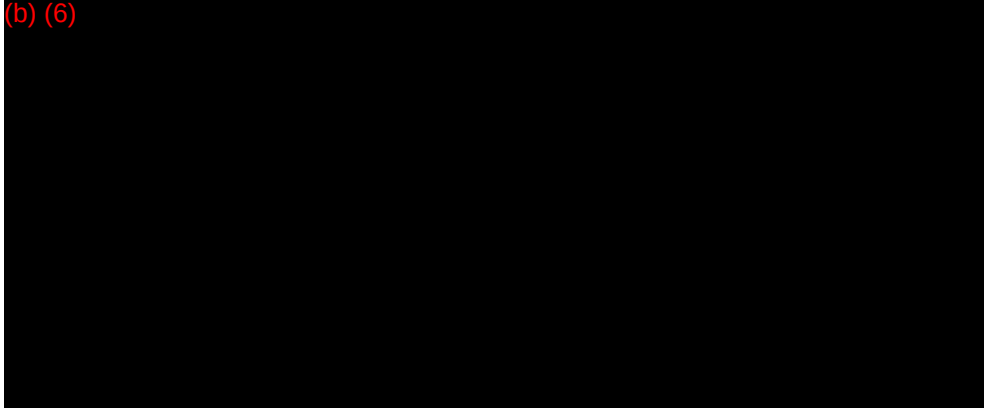
(b) (6)

(b) (6) I think I have the whole rural Georgia "thing" down. Rural Development, through loans, grants and technical assistance, helps with most anything it takes to keep communities in rural America sustainable communities. It is a great agency and one that I am not quite ready to leave. (b) (6)

If you have questions, please feel free to give me a call at (b) (6) or email

(b) (6) or (b) (6)

(b) (6)



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From: [Fry, Ben \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Letter from Printers of Newspapers
Date: Thursday, January 4, 2018 9:55:07 AM

Nothing to apologize for- I really hate to hear that.

Thanks. Will call him today.

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 6:40 PM
To: Fry, Ben (Perdue) <Ben_Fry@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Letter from Printers of Newspapers

Sorry to be late getting this to you but I had to go to (b) (6). I am just getting back.
Charley's number is (b) (6).

Thanks.
Joyce

Sent from Email+ secured by MobileIron

From: "Fry, Ben (Perdue)" <Ben_Fry@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 11:21:07 AM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Letter from Printers of Newspapers

Happy New Year! Thanks for forwarding.

Can you send me Charley's number?

Thanks

Ben

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 11:11 AM
To: Fry, Ben (Perdue) <Ben_Fry@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Letter from Printers of Newspapers

Hi Ben. Happy New Year!

Charley Hood is VP Gov't Affairs with Rayonier. He was with Georgia Pacific and so we go

back a long way. Anyway, he is asking for help with a tariff a company in Washington State is asking be placed on newsprint coming into the US from Canada. Rayonier and a lot of our small newspapers in Georgia are against it.

Is asking is signing onto a letter against this tariff and Charley is asking that Senator Perdue do same or that DAP write a letter against this proposed tariff.

Charley knows I am with the Secretary, but came through me because he was unsure of who to call.

Feel free to call me or contact Charley direct.

Take care

Joyce

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From: "Charles Hood" (b) (6) <[REDACTED]@rayonieram.com>
Date: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 11:01:25 AM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Letter from Printers of Newspapers

Joyce thanks for the conversation! The attached letter from the newspapers explains the issue and opposition to the proposed tariff on Canadian newsprint.
 We appreciate all your support. See you soon!!!

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From: Alan MacLeod <(b) (6) @capstonenp.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 6:02:22 PM
To: (b) (6) @resolutefp.com Debbie Johnston and Jean Majeau
Cc: Boyle, Paul; Charles Hood; (b) (6) @kruger.com; (b) (6) @resolutefp.com; Matt Wise; Peggy Duxbury; Patrick Henderson; Seth Kursman Karl Blackburn
Subject: Re: Letter from Printers of Newspapers

I agree. Great letter!

Alan

On Dec 21, 2017, at 5:44 PM, (b) (6) @resolutefp.com wrote:

Thanks Paul. Well worth an additional email.

Debbie Johnston

Director, US Public Affairs
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At Resolute Forest Products, safety, sustainability and profitability drive our future.

Karl Blackburn
Jean Majeau

From: "Boyle, Paul" (b) (6) @newsmediaalliance.org>
To: Peggy Duxbury (b) (6), Seth Kursman (b) (6) @resolutefp.com>, Debbie Johnston/COMM/LU/CSC (b) (6) @resolutefp.com>, (b) (6) @resolutefp.com", Karl Blackburn (b) (6) @resolutefp.com>, Charles Hood (b) (6) @rayonieram.com>, (b) (6) @kruger.com", Jean Majeau (b) (6) @kruger.com>, Matt Wise (b) (6) @crshq.com>, Alan MacLeod (b) (6) @capstonenp.com>, Patrick Henderson (b) (6) @qq.com>,
Date: 12/21/2017 04:14 PM
Subject: Letter from Printers of Newspapers

Peggy thought her e-mail was the last one, but I wanted to share the letter that was sent by 54 printers of small, community newspapers. In some cases, the printers are also publishers.

Happy Holidays.

Paul

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[attachment "Printers letter to Secretary of Commerce on UGW Case.pdf" deleted by Debbie Johnston/COMM/LU/CSC]

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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#); [Greg Turton](#)
Subject: Re: Southern Fiber Worx - Greg Turton
Date: Friday, February 2, 2018 6:09:19 PM

Hi!

Unfortunately, I have a Hall of Heroes event. Sorry, I really wanted to be all together.

Greg, would it be okay with you if I still visit on Tuesday at 11:00 and then Joyce and I can connect after her visit on Friday?

Thank you both and have a great weekend!

Kathy

Kathy Burns
Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue



----- Original message -----

From: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Date: 2/2/18 3:51 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>, Greg Turton
(b) (6) @bellsouth.net>
Subject: RE: Southern Fiber Worx - Greg Turton

Hello to my friends.

I have been working to make Tuesday Feb 6 work, but I give up. I have to be north of Atlanta that morning.

Is there a possibility of Friday, February 9 after lunch – approximately 2:00?

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From: Burns, Kathy (Perdue) [mailto:Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 10:26 AM
To: Greg Turton (b) (6) @bellsouth.net>; White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
<Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Southern Fiber Worx - Greg Turton

Hi Greg and Joyce,

February 6th at 11:00am is still good for me. Joyce, if another time is better for you, I will wait so we can go together.

Best to you both
Very Respectfully,
Kathy

Kathy Burns
Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue



----- Original message -----

From: Greg Turton (b) (6) @bellsouth.net>
Date: 1/30/18 4:30 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>, "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Southern Fiber Worx - Greg Turton

I want to reach out to both of you to let you know, I want y'all to still come and see what we have been doing in Cordele for Rural Broadband.

February 6 was mentioned as a possible date. This date is available for me if you could come, or please give me another date that works for you.

Thanks,

Greg B Turton
1216 E 13th Ave
Cordele, GA 31015
(b) (6)
(b) (6) cell
229-271-6631 fax

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [<mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 10:15 AM
To: Burns, Kathy (Perdue) <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>; Greg Turton
(b) (6) <@bellsouth.net>
Subject: RE: Hello

Hello Kathy and Greg: Happy Monday! It's so great when you find out special folks know other special folks and can work together for a common cause!

I was wanting to come to Cordele on February 6, but because of the government shutdown, I am instructed to let everyone know not to count on me for any travel or conference or meeting, until we are back up and running. They allowed us to come in this morning to shut down our computers, cancel meetings, etc. but we can't conduct any other business.

I just wanted to let you both know I may need to hold off and not commit to coming to Cordele until Congress is able to fund the government. I hope you both will have a great week.

Joyce White
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From: Burns, Kathy (Perdue) [mailto:Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 9:48 AM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Hello

Hi Joyce,

We are covered in beautiful snow in West Central Georgia this morning. I hope you are doing well and keeping warm.

Greg Turton from Cordele called yesterday and said that he had spoken to you recently. He would like to know if you and I would like to visit him in Cordele to see what he has accomplished with rural

broadband. Would you be interested in doing this possibly on Feb 6 at 11:00am? If this date/time isn't good for you he is open to other dates.

Thank you Joyce

Best to you!

Kathy

Kathy Burns
Regional Representative
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From: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: WTAS: Georgia Leaders, Farmers Urge Congress To Pass Disaster Relief Package
Date: Monday, March 4, 2019 9:25:41 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)



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WHAT THEY ARE SAYING:

Georgia Leaders, Farmers Urge Congress To Pass Disaster Relief Package

ATLANTA, GA – Georgia leaders, farmers, and other elected officials are urging Congress to quickly pass the [bipartisan disaster relief package](#) introduced last week by U.S. Senators David Perdue (R-GA) and Johnny Isakson (R-GA). President Trump, working with a bipartisan group of senators, has confirmed his support for disaster relief and encouraged Congress to pass legislation with funding for Georgia and other states that are recovering from recent hurricanes, wildfires, and other natural disasters.

Georgia Governor Brian Kemp: “I thank Senator Isakson and Senator Perdue for their tireless work to secure aid for thousands of hardworking Georgians in dire need. Their leadership will provide farm families vital assistance as they work to rebuild and revive heavily impacted areas of our state. President Trump and Vice President Pence saw firsthand the generational damage Georgians and our neighbors endured at the hands of Hurricane Michael, and we are very grateful that they stood with us every step of the way. Now, it is time for Congress to act quickly, end the delays and gridlock, and fulfill their responsibility to the people of Georgia.”

Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Gary W. Black: “For at least the 116th time, I call on all Members of the 116th Congress to abandon partisan gamesmanship, embrace American statesmanship and look deep into the eyes of the farm families and rural communities affected by Hurricane Michael. I applaud our Georgia Congressional Delegation for their tireless efforts to advance a disaster package and the administration for their continued commitment to recovery for our communities. It is now time for the politics to be put aside so we can finish the drill of addressing disaster relief for our citizens.”

Georgia Farm Bureau President Gerald Long: “Last October, Hurricane Michael swept across our state at what could not have been a worse time for Georgia farmers. Many were days or weeks from harvest when the storm hit, and nearly all was lost in a matter of hours. Georgia Farm Bureau has been working for months with industry partners and our

congressional delegation to secure federal assistance to help our farmer-members and rural Georgia recover from the storm. We applaud Senators David Perdue and Johnny Isakson for their efforts to keep this important conversation going by introducing and working to advance a disaster aid package. We're also encouraged by President Trump's continued commitment to help Georgia rebuild all that Hurricane Michael destroyed. It is long past time for Congress to act, though, as many farmers are having trouble securing operating loans for the 2019 crop year—pushing them closer and closer to the point of no return.”

Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr: “Thank you Senators Perdue and Isakson – and our entire congressional delegation – for standing up for Georgians devastated by natural disasters! Agriculture is Georgia’s number one industry, and we must do all we can to help our friends and neighbors get back on their feet.”

Brent Brinkley, President, Georgia Pecan Growers Association: “Hurricane Michael leveled a path of destruction all across Georgia from the Southwest corner to North Carolina. Michael destroyed generational investments in timber and pecans as it worked its way directly across the pecan belt of Georgia. Myself and many of my grower friends are still cleaning and burning pecan trees that were planted by our fathers and grandfathers. It’s truly heartbreaking and will take more than a generation to recover. On behalf of Georgia Pecan Growers, Farmers and Foresters, I want to thank Senators Perdue and Isakson for continuing to push this much-overdue disaster relief bill. American farmers are proud and the last to look for welfare or a handout. However, this disaster is unprecedented and urgent federal assistance will mean the difference between a future in Agriculture or the end of generational farming.”

Rep. Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon (R-PR): “I commend the leadership of Senator Perdue as well as the unwavering commitment of Senators Rubio and Scott on behalf of vulnerable families in Puerto Rico. Their action to include an extension of \$600 million for Puerto Rico’s nutritional assistance program demonstrates once again the unequivocal sense of responsibility that the Senate majority has to provide for the well-being of American citizens on the Island. Extending this program has been a top priority for me, as it will have a direct impact to close to 279,000 beneficiaries or 125,000 families. Senator Perdue’s bill puts my constituents one step closer to receiving the assistance they need to continue the long path towards recovery and I look forward to its swift passage.”

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From: [Forsyth, Gabriele \(Perdue\)](#)
To: ["Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC"](#)
Subject: RE: Invitation- Breakfast with Secretary Perdue and Georgia Delegation
Date: Monday, November 5, 2018 11:10:58 AM

Kristine is now declining for the 14th. She will reach out to you.



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From: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2018 10:59 AM
To: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation- Breakfast with Secretary Perdue and Georgia Delegation

Hi Gabriele,

Isakson's office just let me know that he's going to attend the breakfast on Wednesday the 14th at 8:15am. I know that week is crazy, so let me know if your boss will be able to come as soon as you know!

Best,

Lindsay

From: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 1, 2018 12:49 PM
To: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation- Breakfast with Secretary Perdue and Georgia Delegation

I need to wait on Isakson office. I don't think this particular morning is optimal for us.



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Sent: Thursday, November 1, 2018 10:59 AM

To: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>

Subject: Re: Invitation- Breakfast with Secretary Perdue and Georgia Delegation

If we bump it up to 8:15am does that help?

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Lindsay Moore

Office of Congressional Relations

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From: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>

Sent: Thursday, November 1, 2018 10:51:36 AM

To: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC

Subject: RE: Invitation- Breakfast with Secretary Perdue and Georgia Delegation

Thanks!



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From: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>

Sent: Thursday, November 1, 2018 10:51 AM

To: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>

Subject: RE: Invitation- Breakfast with Secretary Perdue and Georgia Delegation

I'll let you know when I hear from them!

From: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>

Sent: Thursday, November 1, 2018 10:50 AM

To: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: RE: Invitation- Breakfast with Secretary Perdue and Georgia Delegation

He has a joint meeting with Isakson so I be curious what they say.



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From: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 1, 2018 10:49 AM
To: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation- Breakfast with Secretary Perdue and Georgia Delegation

Ok thanks Gabriele. Please let me know if anything changes or if he could possibly come for the first half hour or so.

From: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 1, 2018 10:48 AM
To: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation- Breakfast with Secretary Perdue and Georgia Delegation

There is an Members only meeting at 9:30am that he cannot be late for. I do not believe this will work.



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Direct phone: (b) (6)

From: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 1, 2018 9:58 AM
Subject: Invitation- Breakfast with Secretary Perdue and Georgia Delegation

Good morning,

Secretary Perdue cordially invites the Members of the Georgia delegation to breakfast at the US Department of Agriculture on Wednesday, November 14th at 8:30am. The breakfast will be a great chance for the Delegation to catch up with Secretary Perdue and discuss current priorities.

The breakfast will be held in the Whitten Building, [1400 Jefferson Drive SW](#). The Member must enter through the Jefferson Drive entrance facing the National Mall, directly across from the American History museum. The breakfast is Members only.

If possible, please let me know by the end of the day tomorrow, November 2nd, if your boss is likely able to attend or unable to attend.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Best,

Lindsay



Lindsay Moore

Staff Assistant
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From: [Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [Lee, Evan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Moving On
Date: Friday, January 11, 2019 12:11:11 PM

Hello All,

After over 3 years of working for Senator Perdue and serving the people of Georgia, today will be my last day with the office. (b) (6) I will be moving to Senator Marsha Blackburn's office on Monday to handle the same ag, energy, environment etc. I've been handling here. I'm excited to be working for my home state again and spending a lot more time down there, but it's certainly bittersweet to leave the folks down in Georgia. It's been an extremely rewarding experience to work with all of you over the years and I hope to continue to work with you in my new role whenever possible.

I hope to keep in touch with all of you and don't hesitate to reach out to me in my new role. Starting Monday you'll be able to contact me at Daniel_hale@blackburn.senate.gov.

Best,
Daniel

Daniel Hale

Legislative Assistant
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(202) 224-3521

From: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senator David Perdue On Congress' Failure To Pass Disaster Relief
Date: Monday, April 1, 2019 7:40:56 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)



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Senator David Perdue On Congress' Failure To Pass Disaster Relief

“Senate Democrats are using farmers in the Southeast and the people of Puerto Rico as pawns in their political game.”

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA) comments on the U.S. Senate’s failure to pass a bipartisan disaster relief package for Georgia and other areas of the country impacted by recent natural disasters, including Puerto Rico.

“Washington has reached a new low,” **said Senator Perdue.** “It’s been nearly six months since Hurricane Michael ravaged Georgia and other states across the country, and Congress has failed to help the very people it claims to represent. President Trump reached across the aisle, along with other Republicans, to compromise on disaster relief, but only one Democrat was willing to work with us. Do not be fooled – Senate Democrats are using farmers in the Southeast and the people of Puerto Rico as pawns in their political game. It is hypocritical that Democrats say they want to help Puerto Rico recover, and yet they obstruct this disaster relief. Senator Isakson and I are not giving up. We will continue fighting until we get relief for the people of Georgia and other Americans across the country.”

In February, Senator Perdue, U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA), and a group of senators [introduced](#) a bipartisan disaster relief package with funding for Georgia and other states that are recovering from recent hurricanes, wildfires, and other natural disasters.

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From: [Waldrop, PJ \(Perdue\)](#)
To: Joby.young@osec.usda.gov
Subject: Can you call me re: RFS?
Date: Monday, April 9, 2018 2:36:22 PM

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Thanks,

PJ Waldrop
Deputy Chief of Staff
U.S. Senator David Perdue
202-224-3521

From: [Ziesenhene, Greg \(Perdue\)](#)
To: joyce.white@ga.usda.gov; (b) (6) Joyce White
Subject: FW: DP TV & Radio Tomorrow Morning
Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 11:37:36 PM

Subject: DP TV & Radio Tomorrow Morning

Good evening – Senator Perdue has a series of LIVE TV and radio interviews tomorrow morning:

- 8:20am – The Senator will join **CNBC's Squawk Box** LIVE to discuss government funding and border security.
- 8:38am – LIVE Radio Interview with Steve Nichols on WVGA in **Valdosta**. Click [here](#) to listen live.
- 8:50am – LIVE Radio Interview with Joel Williams and Bill Maine on WDUN in **Gainesville**. Click [here](#) to listen live.
- 9:05am – LIVE Radio Interview with Tim Bryant on WGAU in **Athens**. Click [here](#) to listen live.

From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senator David Perdue Talks North Korea Summit On CNN
Date: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 9:56:02 PM

Hello,

I would like to share Senator Perdue's discussion on CNN today.

Thank you.

Very Respectfully,
Kathy Burns

Kathy Burns
Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue

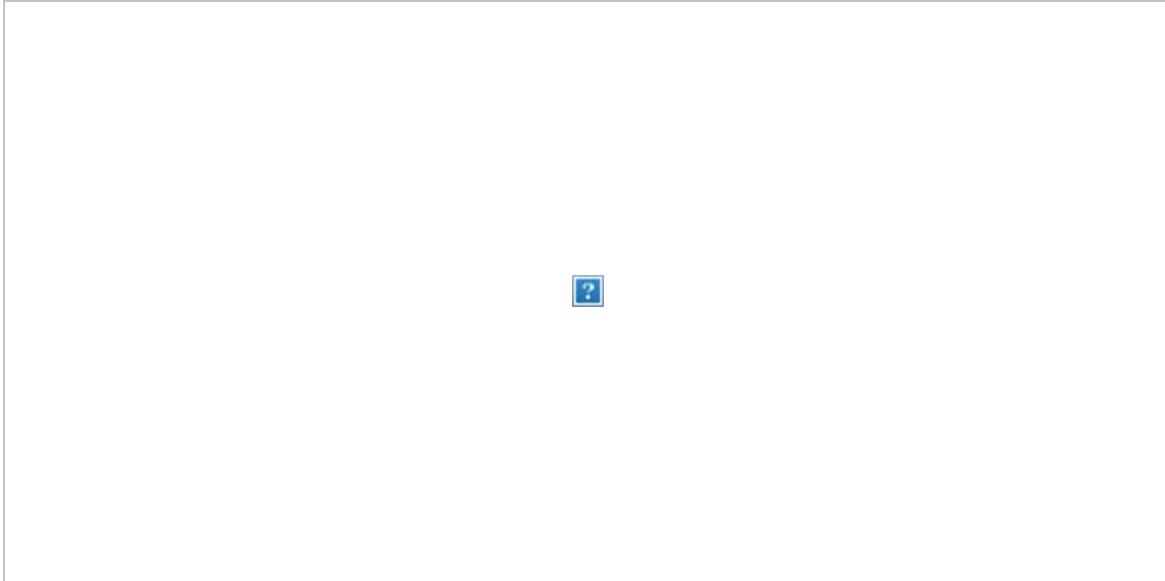


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Senator David Perdue Talks North Korea Summit On CNN

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA) speaks with Kate Bolduan on CNN’s *At This Hour* about the upcoming talks between the U.S. and North Korea.

Click [here](#) to watch or click on the image below.



Highlights:

Expected Posturing: “I was just in South Korea and China a few weeks ago talking to senior leadership. We never thought this negotiation with North Korea would be linear. You are going to have ups and downs, and Kim Jong-un is posturing. This is another indication that we need to continue steadfastly towards the goals here.”

Biggest Objective: “We want an arrangement with North Korea to denuclearize, and that’s the biggest objective right now that we have going.”

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From: [Sweat, Jenni \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Sweat, Jenni \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senators Perdue, Isakson Congratulate American Farm Bureau On 100th Anniversary
Date: Friday, January 11, 2019 4:56:30 PM



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 January 11, 2019

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Senators Perdue, Isakson Congratulate American Farm Bureau On 100th Anniversary

ATLANTA, GA – U.S. Senators David Perdue (R-GA) and Johnny Isakson (R-GA) introduce a Senate resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the American Farm Bureau Federation and celebrating its long history representing farmers across the United States.

“For the past 100 years, the American Farm Bureau has been a champion for farmers and rural communities across the country,” **said Senator Perdue**. “Agriculture is Georgia’s number one industry and a major reason why our state continues to be the best state in the country in which to do business. We’re fortunate to have Georgians like Farm Bureau President Zippy Duvall and Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue leading the way toward a safer, stronger, and more abundant agricultural industry. Congratulations to all members of the Farm Bureau on this exciting milestone.”

“The American Farm Bureau has worked tirelessly for 100 years to foster growth for all sectors of agriculture in Georgia and across the United States,” **said Senator Isakson**. “The American Farm Bureau is currently led by a great Georgian, Zippy Duvall, who has been a staunch advocate for agriculture and farming in our state. I’m proud to join my Senate colleagues in recognizing this achievement, and I commend the American Farm Bureau on reaching this important milestone. Here’s to another 100 years of success!”

Background:

- Founded in 1919, the American Farm Bureau Federation is an independent, non-governmental, voluntary organization governed by and representing American farmers and ranchers whose mission is to “enhance and strengthen the lives of rural Americans and to build strong, prosperous agricultural communities.”
- Zippy Duvall, a Greensboro, GA native, was elected president of the American Farm Bureau Federation in January 2016.
- Contributing an annual \$73 billion to Georgia’s economy, agriculture is the state’s leading industry. Additionally, Georgia is home to a larger variety of agricultural industries than almost any other state.

The Senate resolution recognizes the many contributions made by the American Farm Bureau Federation in helping shape agriculture policy through advocacy, education and grassroots efforts. It was introduced by Perdue, Isakson, and 48 of their Senate colleagues on January 10, 2019. Full text of the resolution is available [here](#).

###

From: [Tostensen, Sam \(Perdue\)](#)
To: joyce.white@ga.usda.gov
Cc: (b) (6) @pinovasolutions.com Cedric King
Subject: Introduction
Date: Monday, November 13, 2017 11:40:08 AM

Hey Joyce! I hope you're settling into the new position and have got the ground running. We miss you on the senate side!

Joyce, I'd like to introduce you to Cedric King. Cedric is with Pinova based here in Brunswick and is a large company that produces turpentine and byproducts from that. I copied Cedric on this email so the two of you could connect. Pinova has some Ag related questions I think you would be able to answer.

Take care and let me know if there is anything I can do to help you here in this part of the state.

Sam Tostensen
Southeast Georgia Field Representative
U.S. Senator David Perdue
(b) (6)

From: [Waldrop, PJ \(Perdue\)](#)
To: Joby.young@osec.usda.gov
Subject: per our call, just checking
Date: Thursday, November 30, 2017 1:19:10 PM

to see if you had a name for me yet.

(b) (6)

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From: [Dann, Terri \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: (b) (6)
Date: Friday, February 15, 2019 3:08:06 PM
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[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

I also will be in touch. I have your number and know where you live. Perhaps we can have lunch or dinner together one day. (b) (6)

Terri

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 12:29 PM
To: Dann, Terri (Perdue) <Terri_Dann@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: (b) (6)

Terri: I don't know how to feel. I'm happy for you and (b) (6), but sad for those folks who (b) (6). You have been such great support for the Senator and so helpful to me when I entered into working for him. You have helped so many hundreds of folks and have so much reward stored in your heart.

I have had you on my mind a lot lately, but have had my hands full with my job and (b) (6)

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I will be in touch, and I wish you the very best (b) (6)

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Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 9:08 AM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: (b) (6)

Joyce,

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From: [Hayes, Jennifer \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Monday
Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019 1:38:32 PM

No pressure at all. I know you're busy.
 Thanks! ☺

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2019 1:16 PM
To: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Monday

Thank you Jennifer. I know I have a White House conference call at 12 noon but maybe I can swing by or send something. I appreciate your thinking of me.

From: "Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue)" <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 12:55:19 PM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Monday

Hey Joyce,
 We are having a (b) (6) at the Atlanta office on Monday, Feb 25 at 12:30 and would love for you to come if your schedule allows. I am so sorry for the late notice but we just confirmed the date due to so many different schedules.
 Hope you can make it but completely understand if you are unable.

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From: [White, Joyce \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Pick, Rachel - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Young, Chris - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: Request for Official Send off Party and "Annual Fish Fry" - August 26
Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 6:59:24 PM

Thanks. Chris called me and I now understand there are some rules they this group needs to be careful to follow. I know they will. They can build this event the way it needs to be built I feel sure. Thanks

Joyce

Sent from my iPhone

On May 2, 2017, at 5:37 PM, Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC
 <Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

Joyce,

Thank you very much for sending. This sounds like a wonderful event. I will reach out to Elaine to discuss and get more details.

Best,
 Lauren

From: White, Joyce (Perdue) [<mailto:Joyce.White@perdue.senate.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 3:58 PM
To: Pick, Rachel - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rachel.Pick@osec.usda.gov>; Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov>; Young, Chris - OSEC, Washington, DC <Chris.Young@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Request for Official Send off Party and "Annual Fish Fry" - August 26

Hi Rachel and Lauren: Elaine Pritchard is one of the Secretary's and Senator's friends from their home town. She is also a district director for the GOP.

Each year, "Sonny's Fish Fry" is held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia. This is very near the Secretary's hometown (b) (6).
 This year, the GOP would like to combine their annual fish fry with an "official send off" for Secretary Perdue. The date is August 26 and Senator Perdue will be there.

I'm sure this will be a big event. I've heard a lot about it. I feel quite sure Commissioner Gary Black will be there as a host as well.

Elaine's e-mail and contact information is below.

Thanks,

Joyce White

From: Elaine Pritchard [(b) (6)]@dg-a.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 3:43 PM
To: White, Joyce (Perdue) <Joyce.White@perdue.senate.gov>; Ziesenhene, Greg (Perdue) <Greg.Ziesenhene@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: FF

Who is best contact now for our Sonny? Since no word about a send off and know he is very busy at a "new job", wondered if we might give him the special spotlight at Fish Fry? And take a little heat off David? Sonny has always been here! As you know it is set for Sat, Aug 26. What do you think? Hugs, Elaine

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From: [Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Lee, Evan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: question
Date: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 10:05:18 AM

Sorry about that I got sidetracked with another issue. Just tried you but I'll be here for until lunch.

From: Lee, Evan - OSEC, Washington, DC <Evan.Lee@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 5:45 PM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: question

I tried your direct. Mind giving me a call back when you have a moment? Thanks!

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Evan B. Lee
Chief of Staff
Office of Congressional Relations
U.S. Department of Agriculture
c: (b) (6)

From: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 12:26 PM
To: Lee, Evan - OSEC, Washington, DC <Evan.Lee@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: question

Sure give me a call whenever. My direct is (b) (6)

From: Lee, Evan - OSEC, Washington, DC <Evan.Lee@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 9:25 AM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: question

Daniel – will you have a moment to catch up on this issue over the phone today? Thanks!

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Evan B. Lee
Chief of Staff
Office of Congressional Relations
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c: (b) (6)

From: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2018 10:31 AM
To: Lee, Evan - OSEC, Washington, DC <Evan.Lee@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: RE: question

Hey Evan just wanted to circle back on this. Is there any way your program folks could meet with the landowner? He's willing to come to DC to meet. I think there still seems to be some misunderstanding and I'd rather connect yall than stay in the middle of this. Thanks again for your help.

From: Lee, Evan - OSEC, Washington, DC <Evan.Lee@osec.usda.gov>

Sent: Friday, November 2, 2018 3:28 PM

To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>

Subject: RE: question

Daniel – I hope that was helpful. Please see the attached guidance and regs regarding modifications.

Please don't hesitate to call or email with questions.

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Evan B. Lee
Chief of Staff
Office of Congressional Relations
U.S. Department of Agriculture
c (b) (6)

From: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>

Sent: Thursday, November 1, 2018 3:43 PM

To: Lee, Evan - OSEC, Washington, DC <Evan.Lee@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: RE: question

That works for me. Thanks again.

From: Lee, Evan - OSEC, Washington, DC <Evan.Lee@osec.usda.gov>

Sent: Thursday, November 1, 2018 3:31 PM

To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>

Subject: RE: question

Sounds good, Daniel. How does 3pm tomorrow sound? Our folks from NRCS will be able to provide an overview of USDA's authority to modify easement contracts, the criteria for granting a modification, and the process for a landowner to apply for a modification.

Here is the call-in information: [888-844-9904](tel:888-844-9904) – participant code: (b) (6)

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Evan B. Lee
 Chief of Staff
 Office of Congressional Relations
 U.S. Department of Agriculture
 c: (b) (6)

From: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 1, 2018 3:10 PM
To: Lee, Evan - OSEC, Washington, DC <Evan.Lee@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: question

Thanks a lot Evan. We're going to reach out to the landowner to see what they would prefer as far as sharing the deed and will get back to you. I'll be in the office until 5 and all day tomorrow if yall have some time to discuss generally how the process for making changes to an easement works just for my knowledge.

From: Lee, Evan - OSEC, Washington, DC <Evan.Lee@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 7:31 PM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: question

Thanks for taking my call, Daniel. Our team at HQ is ready to hop on a call at your convenience to discuss the steps toward resolution. They did underscore that obtaining more information about the easement, specifically the conservation easement deed in question, beforehand would help make productive use of the time. Does your office want to contact the landowner and obtain a copy of the deed, or do you prefer USDA contact him directly? Let me know. Meanwhile, we're on standby to assist.

Evan B. Lee
 Chief of Staff
 Office of Congressional Relations
 U.S. Department of Agriculture
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From: "Hale, Daniel (Perdue)" <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 11:35:59 AM
To: "Lee, Evan - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Evan.Lee@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: question

My chief is actually the one who he contacted and I don't think he was given any more detail. I can give you the guy's email if you want to reach out directly or I can get him in touch with you if you don't mind.

From: Lee, Evan - OSEC, Washington, DC <Evan.Lee@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 11:25 AM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: question

Daniel – Is there any other additional information you can provide, such as the location of the easement and the local office they’ve contacted?

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Evan B. Lee
 Chief of Staff
 Office of Congressional Relations
 U.S. Department of Agriculture
 c: (b) (6)

From: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 10:58 AM
To: Lee, Evan - OSEC, Washington, DC <Evan.Lee@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: question

Hey Evan below is some background on the issue. The land is in Florida but the one inquiring has Georgia ties. They just want to talk with the right people at USDA to hopefully get a resolution.

This is regarding a conservation easement granted to the USDA in Florida. There is no problem with the property covered by the conservation easement, the problem is that the former owner of the property permitted the USDA to cross all of his other property to access the Conservation Easement land. It doesn’t matter that the other property is not adjacent to the conservation easement. The owner discovered that employees of the USDA could enter and cross his property at any point in time in the future under the pretense that they needed to reach Conservation Easement property. The owner reasonably wants to limit this access to a 20’ wide strip of property that can be fenced off to keep any USDA employees off of the rest of the property, but the local USDA representative refuses to negotiate the matter. Can you help us determine the correct person to speak to so that we can more thoroughly explain the matter to some who can understand why the owner is upset about the potential government intrusion on his property?

From: Lee, Evan - OSEC, Washington, DC <Evan.Lee@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 1:07 PM
To: Bachmann, Peter - OSEC Washington, DC <Peter.Bachmann@osec.usda.gov>; Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: question

Hi Daniel – nice to meet you over email.

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Evan B. Lee
Chief of Staff
Office of Congressional Relations
U.S. Department of Agriculture
c: (b) (6)

From: Bachmann, Peter - OSEC Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 1:06 PM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Lee, Evan - OSEC, Washington, DC <Evan.Lee@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: question

It is now Evan Lee, cc'ed.

From: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 11:09 AM
To: Bachmann, Peter - OSEC Washington, DC <Peter.Bachmann@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: question

Who handles NRCS issues in your office over there?

Daniel Hale

Legislative Assistant
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue
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From: [White, Charles \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Re: Seminole County FSA Office
Date: Thursday, December 20, 2018 9:52:12 AM

Thanks for the heads up Tas. Merry Christmas.

Charles White

(b) (6)

Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue

On Dec 20, 2018, at 9:47 AM, Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA <Tas.Smith@ga.usda.gov> wrote:

Good morning Charles:

Wanted to ensure you received the news release that will be sent to producers announcing new hours of operation for the Seminole County FSA Service Center. I am grateful for your cooperation throughout this process.

If we can be of any assistance throughout this process, please let me know.

Hope you have a Merry Christmas!

Tas Smith
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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senator David Perdue Works To Strengthen Farm Lending Program
Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018 9:57:54 AM

Hello,

I would like to share information on Senator Perdue's work to strengthen the farm lending program.

Please feel free to share this information, especially with our young farmers.

Best to you.

Very Respectfully,
Kathy Burns



Kathy Burns

West Central Georgia Regional Representative

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 9, 2018

Senator David Perdue Works To Strengthen Farm Lending Program

“Agriculture is Georgia’s largest economic driver and our farmers are the backbone of the industry”

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA) is taking action to preserve

important loans used by farmers to start and grow their operations.

“Agriculture is Georgia’s largest economic driver and our farmers are the backbone of the industry,” **said Senator Perdue**. “Whether our farmers are just starting out or are looking to expand and improve, it’s critical they have the financial flexibility they need to get their farms up and running. I’m proud to work on strengthening this important loan program for our country’s farmers.”

The bipartisan *Farm Service Agency Loan Flexibility Act*, sponsored by Senator Perdue and Senator Gary Peters (D-MI), would provide the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) with the authority it needs to issue approved loans during times of high demand and irregular funding from Congress. FSA’s operating loans are used by beginning farmers, women and minorities, and other disadvantaged borrowers for expenses such as livestock, equipment, and seed, while ownership loans help farmers develop land.

“For many farmers—and new farmers in particular—access to capital is a top issue, and in years past, the inability of FSA to lend to farmers in need because of loan program caps has been problematic for our industry,” **said Gerald Long, President of Georgia Farm Bureau**. “Georgia Farm Bureau is pleased that Senator Perdue (R-GA) has chosen to lead on this issue and many other agriculture issues in Congress.”

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From: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senator David Perdue On Trump Administration's Rollback Of Water Overregulation
Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 1:36:24 PM



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CONTACTS:
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Senator David Perdue On Trump Administration's Rollback Of Water Overregulation

*“President Trump knows the last thing farmers need is more
bureaucracy”*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA), member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, comments on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Army Corps of Engineer's new proposal to reduce federal regulations on water resources and replace President Obama's overreaching Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule:

“This is a huge win for farmers, businesses, ranchers, and landowners in Georgia and across the country,” **said Senator Perdue.** “President Trump knows the last thing farmers need is more bureaucracy and invasion of their privacy rights. The EPA's new rule will get Washington out of the way and end years of uncertainty by simply defining where water regulations apply and where they do not. This is a welcome change from the blatant overreach of President Obama's ridiculous WOTUS rule.”

Click [here](#) for the rule proposal.

Background on Senator Perdue's work to provide relief for Georgia farmers and landowners:

- April 2015 – Senator Perdue [co-sponsored](#) legislation to stop implementation of the EPA's overreaching WOTUS rule.
- November 2015 – Georgia farmers and agriculture leaders [urged](#) Congress to overturn WOTUS.
- February 2017 – Senator Perdue [applauded](#) President Trump's executive order to reverse the WOTUS rule.
- June 2017 – Senator Perdue [praised](#) the Trump Administration's action to roll back WOTUS.

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From: [Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: Phone call
Date: Sunday, October 29, 2017 8:55:36 PM

Sure (b) (6) Is my direct line. 1030 or 11 would work best for me.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>
Date: 10/29/17 7:26 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Hale, Daniel (Perdue)" <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Phone call

Hi Daniel,

Can you let me know a good number to reach you directly and a good time that you can talk in the morning? I'd like to give you all a notification on a USDA position for GA.

Please let me know.

Thanks,

Joby

Joby Young
Chief of Staff
Office of Congressional Relations
United States Department of Agriculture

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From: [Black_Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Black_Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [Smith_Tas - FSA Athens_GA](#)
Subject: Senator David Perdue & Secretary Sonny Perdue Visit Georgia Ag Leaders
Date: Monday, July 16, 2018 11:01:44 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)



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July 16, 2018

CONTACTS:
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Senator David Perdue & Secretary Sonny Perdue Visit Georgia Ag Leaders

GRIFFIN, GA – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA), U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, and Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture Gary Black traveled across Georgia to hear from farmers, foresters, researchers, and stakeholders in the agriculture industry.

The day included a tour of Lewis Taylor Farms in Tifton, a stakeholder meeting at Georgia Forestry Association’s headquarters in Forsyth, and a briefing from the University of Georgia’s Turfgrass and Weed Science department in Griffin.

Click [here](#) to download high-resolution photos of the trip. Click [here](#) to download a highlights video.



“It was great to have the Secretary of Agriculture back in Georgia to meet with farmers and stakeholders in the agriculture industry,” **said Senator Perdue, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee.** “As Sonny and I learned growing up working on our family’s farms, agriculture is a business and a way of life for many Georgians. During our visits, we heard directly from stakeholders about the unique challenges they face. I’m hopeful we’ll get a Farm Bill to the President’s desk soon that will provide farmers with certainty and help rural America thrive.”

“David and I grew up on a Georgia farm, which makes it great to be able to come back as a United States Senator and Secretary of Agriculture to hear from our growers and producers,” **said Secretary Perdue.** “We spent the day listening about trade, labor issues, regulations, the Farm Bill and a variety of other issues and will take what we heard back to D.C. to tell the President. I look forward to continuing to work with Senator Perdue and Commissioner Black in making Georgia’s ag industry the best it can be.”

“The Secretary and Senator both know that on-the-ground, grassroots input is always the best way to gather information,” **said Commissioner Black.** “I am confident, particularly during this important period of discussion surrounding the Farm Bill, that our tour will yield positive results.”

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From: [Johnston, Emma \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Connect
Date: Monday, March 4, 2019 11:11:14 AM

Thanks Lindsay!!

Emma Johnston | Staff Assistant
Senator David Perdue

From: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 11:01 AM
To: Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anna.Osterlind@usda.gov>
Cc: Johnston, Emma (Perdue) <Emma_Johnston@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Connect

Hi Anna,

I want to connect you with Emma Johnston, a UGA gal who recently started working in Senator Perdue's office. She is interested in a few topics that you cover, particularly food safety, and I think it would be great for you to find a time to chat!

Thanks!!

Lindsay



Lindsay Moore
Staff Assistant
Office of Congressional Relations
United States Department of Agriculture
Cell (b) (6)

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From: [Forsyth, Gabriele \(Perdue\)](#)
To: ["Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC"](#)
Cc: [Nichols, Kristine \(Isakson\)](#)
Subject: RE: Invitation- Breakfast with Secretary Perdue and Georgia Delegation
Date: Monday, November 5, 2018 11:05:48 AM

Lindsay,

Unfortunately, neither Sens. Isakson nor Perdue can make the breakfast on Nov. 14th. We would be happy to consider a later date in November if convenient for Sec. Perdue. Please let us know if that can be arranged.

Kristine has been cc'd.

Thanks.
 Gabriele



GABRIELE FORSYTH
 Scheduler

OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR DAVID PERDUE
 455 Russell Senate Office Building | Washington, DC 20510

Direct phone: (b) (6)

From: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 1, 2018 10:49 AM
To: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation- Breakfast with Secretary Perdue and Georgia Delegation

Ok thanks Gabriele. Please let me know if anything changes or if he could possibly come for the first half hour or so.

From: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 1, 2018 10:48 AM
To: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation- Breakfast with Secretary Perdue and Georgia Delegation

There is an Members only meeting at 9:30am that he cannot be late for. I do not believe this will work.



GABRIELE FORSYTH
 Scheduler

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 455 Russell Senate Office Building | Washington, DC 20510

Direct phone: (b) (6)

From: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 1, 2018 9:58 AM
Subject: Invitation- Breakfast with Secretary Perdue and Georgia Delegation

Good morning,

Secretary Perdue cordially invites the Members of the Georgia delegation to breakfast at the US Department of Agriculture on Wednesday, November 14th at 8:30am. The breakfast will be a great chance for the Delegation to catch up with Secretary Perdue and discuss current priorities.

The breakfast will be held in the Whitten Building, [1400 Jefferson Drive SW](#). The Member must enter through the Jefferson Drive entrance facing the National Mall, directly across from the American History museum. The breakfast is Members only.

If possible, please let me know by the end of the day tomorrow, November 2nd, if your boss is likely able to attend or unable to attend.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Best,

Lindsay



Lindsay Moore

Staff Assistant
Office of Congressional Relations
United States Department of Agriculture
Cell: (b) (6)

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From: [Dickey, Derrick \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Forsyth, Gabriele \(Perdue\)](#); [Hancock, Lauren \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Re: Meeting with Assistant Secretary Barbic
Date: Monday, November 5, 2018 1:57:51 PM

I'm in Georgia for Election Day. I've been spending some good quality time with Secretary Perdue down here. Maybe we can work out a visit after I return to DC for a few days on the 13th.



Derrick Dickey
Chief of Staff

Office of United States Senator
DAVID PERDUE
 455 Russell Senate Office
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 Washington, DC 20510

From: "Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>
Date: Friday, November 2, 2018 at 1:49 PM
To: Derrick Dickey <Derrick_Dickey@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Gabriele Forsyth <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Meeting with Assistant Secretary Barbic

Greetings Derrick,

I hope you are doing well! Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations Ken Barbic would like to find a time to meet with you, as an intro/catch up and to hear your priorities and how USDA can be helpful. Are you available at all on Tuesday morning the 6th? He'll be on the Hill and would love to stop by your office.

Please let me know if you're available.

Best,

Lindsay



Lindsay Moore

Staff Assistant
 Office of Congressional Relations
 United States Department of Agriculture
 Cell: (b) (6)

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From: [Sweat, Jenni \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Sweat, Jenni \(Perdue\)](#)
Cc: [Smith, Tas, FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: ICYMI: Sen. David Perdue & Sec. Sonny Perdue Prof le - Never Forget Where You Came From
Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 2:36:25 PM

In case you missed it...

Never forget where you came from

By Kristin Moriarty
 At Home In Houston County
 November 2018
<https://bit.ly/2QCxLGI>



While Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue and U.S. Senator David Perdue have served in political office for several years, one thing that never changes for them, as cousins, is never forgetting where they came from. In doing so, both agree that it has led them to blessings from their life lessons and family roots of meaningful, purposeful work.

Secretary Perdue was born at Doctor Gallemore's Clinic in Downtown Perry and raised in Bonaire. He attended three elementary schools due to the county's growth and rearranging of school districts, Westside Elementary, Lindsey Elementary, and C.B. Watson Elementary. He went on to Warner Robins Junior High and then graduated from Warner Robins High School.

Senator Perdue was born in Macon, Georgia and raised in Warner Robins. He attended Lindsey Elementary, Westside Elementary, Northside Junior High, and graduated from Northside High School. The two recall memories of growing up together.

"David and I grew up in that era of the glory years of the 1950s and 1960s where you did whatever it took," Sec. Perdue said.

"Both of our mothers were longstanding teachers in the Houston County School System and had proper expectations of us. Our fathers had very high expectations of us as well. We would have good grades, but it was always, why couldn't you do better? So we were always improving in a way that drove us in positive way to be the very best you could in all you did."

"We come from a big extended family," Sen. Perdue said. "No matter what, we always got together every chance we had. But I mainly would spend my summers with Sonny on his father's farm. If you look in the Webster's Dictionary for the definition of responsibility you will find a picture of Sonny. I remember watching Sonny at a really young age in the field working, and then straight from there he would put on his uniform to go to little league practice. The way we grew up and the principals we were embedded with at an early age gave us degree to never forget where we came from. And I think that's really important with public service."

Both Sec. Perdue and Sen. Perdue's mothers retired after teaching for over 40 years at the Houston County School System. Sen. Perdue's father was also a teacher, principal, and was the School Superintendent for several years. Sec. Perdue's father operated a dairy and diversified row crop farm.

After graduating high school, Sec. Perdue went on to the University of Georgia where he graduated with a doctorate in veterinary medicine. He also served in the United States Air Force working his way to the rank of captain. Following his military service, he became a small business owner concentrating in agribusiness and transportation; those businesses have grown to include several locations across the southeast.

Sen. Perdue went on to Georgia Institute of Technology where he graduated with a degree in Industrial Engineering. Later on he earned his second degree from Georgia Institute of Technology, a master's in Operations Research. He served as an executive for leading international companies. As Senior Vice President of Asia Operations Research for Sara Lee, Perdue established the company's first Asia headquarters, was President and CEO of the Reebok brand, was credited with revitalizing the athletic brand, and as Chairman and CEO of Dollar General, he oversaw the company's expansion from 5,900 to 8,500 stores nationwide, creating thousands of quality jobs. While at Dollar General, he became heavily involved in literacy and served as Chairman of the National Commission on Literacy and Workforce Development.

Both never really thought about getting involved in the political world nor ever imagined serving on the national level together. Sec. Perdue said his first office of public service was on the Houston County Planning and Zoning Board.

"In the late 1970s and early 1980s, Houston County was growing by leaps and bounds," Sec. Perdue said. "I was asked during that time if I would be interested in serving on the planning and zoning board. At first I was hesitant, but nonetheless, it was a great experience and the best example of learning to listen to people and hear passion about their homes. Then I decided to run for the state senate in 1990, to which I served 11 years, and then ran for governor in 2001. I served two terms as governor. It was a difficult time during the economy, but we remained focused and came out strong. Last year I was minding my business when President Trump called (he said laughing). But it has truly been an amazing experience thus far to serve as Secretary of Agriculture."

As a two-term governor of Georgia, Sec. Perdue was credited with transforming a budget deficit into a surplus, dramatically increasing the student performance in public schools, and fostering an economic environment that allowed employers to flourish and manufacturers and agricultural producers to achieve record levels of exports. He reformed state budget priorities, helped Georgians create more than 200,000 new jobs, and promoted his home state around the world to attract new businesses.

Sen. Perdue never ran for any type of office until running for the United States Senate, where he was first elected in 2014.

"I called Sonny and drove up to his operation in Bonaire, when the seat in the Senate became open," Sen. Perdue said. "I told him he needed to consider running for Senate, and that we need someone with the experience you have. Well, he told me he didn't feel led to do so, but then he said I should consider running. The next thing Sonny told me stuck with me, he said, 'I will tell you this, nobody knows what somebody else ought to do but you should think about this and pray about it.' I had been watching the budget since 2001. I had some major concerns about the debt. Three weeks later my wife Bonnie came to me and said running for the Senate was something she thought I needed to do. We were very blessed to get through the election."

While Sen. Perdue and Sen. Perdue never thought about serving in politics, they both have enjoyed serving their state and country.

"I knew David would do an amazing job in the Senate and still does," Sen. Perdue said. "He still continues to advocate for things he came for. It's a seductive place up here and you can get compromised really quickly. And I am just extremely proud of David holding true to his promises for the people of Georgia. We take these stewardships very seriously. We want to make our family proud and people proud of morale and ethical decisions we make for Georgia and the U.S."

"I think that one of the blessings that we have is, it's unusual to have two contemporary family members involved in different ways like this," Sen. Perdue said. "I enjoyed watching Sonny work in the President's cabinet. I watch how that leadership flows through that room, and how it benefits our farmers around the country. Life experiences are what we bring up here, but we also bring the humility. I see so many people here in this town who kind of lose sight of who they are and where they came from. Sonny and I attend Bible studies led by our different committees and it's important. It keeps our feet on the ground and lets us know who is really in charge here."

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Jenni Sweat
 @SenDavidPerdue
 Desk: 202 224 0614

From: [Ziesenhene, Greg \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Poling, Caitlin \(Perdue\)](#)
Cc: [Fry, Ben \(Perdue\)](#); [Zoller, Martha \(Perdue\)](#); [Hancock, Lauren \(Perdue\)](#); joyce.white@ga.usda.gov
Subject: Fwd: (b) (6)
Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 4:31:21 PM
Attachments: (b) (6)

Caitlin,

As expected, here's an update and refresh/follow-up request for support from (b) (6). As you know, Joyce and I met with him in June, and we both walked away with the strong sense that he's uniquely qualified for and passionately motivated to serve in this position.

(b) (6) coming forwarded with support from a lot of key Georgians. See below and attached.
 Greg

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Tina Coria" (b) (6) <@mindspring.com>
Date: December 12, 2017 at 4:04:34 PM EST
To: "C. J. Nutter" (b) (6), "Gravley, Micah" <micah.gravley@house.ga.gov>, "Micah Gravley II" (b) (6) >, (b) (6), "Tom McCullough" (b) (6) >, <greg_ziesenhene@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: <martha.zoller@perdue.senate.gov>, <jocye.white@ga.usda.gov>, "Brown, Toni \Isakson\" <Toni_Brown@isakson.senate.gov>, "Jarrard, Joseph Franklin BG USARMY NG GAARNG \US\" <joseph.f.jarrard.mil@mail.mil>, "GPPF Rogers Wade" (b) (6)
Subject: (b) (6)

Hey (b) (6)

Yes Sir, Joyce is now with the other Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture Sunny Perdue, at the Georgia USDA Rural Development Office.

Martha Zoller is the new scheduler and Head of Policy here in Georgia for Senator David Perdue. Her number is (b) (6) & (b) (6)

According to Rex Bulloch, the request is now in Vice President Mike Pence's office with one of his key staff.

If anyone has additional status, please let us know!!!!

Always At your Service, Tina

From: C. J. Nutter (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 3:16 PM

To: Tina Coria (b) (6)@mindspring.com>; Gravley, Micah

<micah.gravley@house.ga.gov>; Micah Gravley II (b) (6);

Rex Bullock (b) (6) Tom McCullough (b) (6)>;

greg_ziesenhene@perdue.senate.gov

Subject:

Hi all,

Just wanted to take a minute and bring everyone up to speed on what has been happening with the (b) (6)

Most all of you know that (b) (6)

I want to thank each of you for all you have done to help with (b) (6)
I was not sure where we stood so I called Joyce White at Senator Perdue's office to get an update and was told that she is now with USDA, not sure who to contact now.

(b) (6) and I hope each of you had a Happy Thanksgiving and our wishes for you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

V/R

CJ

From: [Sweat, Jenni \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Sweat, Jenni \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senator David Perdue Meets With Colquitt County Farmers
Date: Friday, September 21, 2018 1:43:36 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image004.png](#)



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September 21, 2018

CONTACTS:
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Senator David Perdue Meets With Colquitt County Farmers

MOULTRIE, GA – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA), a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, meets with the Colquitt County Farm Bureau and local leaders in the agriculture industry.

Click [here](#) or on the image below to download photos. Click [here](#) to download b-roll video.



“Agriculture is Georgia’s number one industry and a major reason why our state continues to be the best state in the country in which to do business,” **said Senator Perdue.** “It was great to

hear directly from Colquitt County farmers and producers about their needs and the challenges they face. Their input is critical as we continue working to make our agriculture industry safer, stronger, and more successful.”

“We appreciate Senator Perdue taking the time out of his busy schedule to come and talk to Colquitt County farmers one-on-one about issues that are important to our country,” **said Stanley Bass, President of the Colquitt County Farm Bureau.** “Agriculture is the largest industry in Colquitt County and it impacts all of its citizens.”

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From: [White, Joyce \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Buddy Leger](#); [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: FSA Information
Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 9:52:08 AM

Thank you for letting us know Buddy. I was going to call you just to follow up, so I was glad to see this e-mail this morning.

Take care of yourself and as I travel around rural Georgia, I'll look you up.

Joyce

From: Buddy Leger (b) (6) [REDACTED]@legerandson.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 7:21 AM
To: Heidi Green <Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov>; White, Joyce (Perdue) <Joyce_White@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: FSA Information

Good Morning,

I wanted to thank you both for your assistance with a contact for FSA. We were able to speak with someone yesterday and they provided the information we needed.

Sincerely,

Buddy Leger

From: [White, Joyce \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: (b) (6)
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2017 12:08:09 PM

Heidi: I totally understand. Thanks so much. I have been praying and (b) (6). Thanks.

Joyce

From: Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 12:03 PM
To: White, Joyce (Perdue) <Joyce_White@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: FW: (b) (6)

Joyce, I am sorry it took me so long to get this to you—(b) (6)
let's touch base again!
Was great to talk with you last week!

Heidi

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From: [Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Charles \(Perdue\)](#); [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Re: SW GA Storm Report
Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 5:27:12 PM

Ha yea right I'm up here in God's country and it hasn't stopped raining for days.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "White, Charles (Perdue)" <Charles_White@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: 5/29/18 5:07 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA" <Tas.Smith@ga.usda.gov>
Cc: "Hale, Daniel (Perdue)" <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: SW GA Storm Report

Yes sir! This rain needs to head north somewhere like Tennessee!! The attached I'd say is spot on. Praying for sunny skies ahead.

Charles White

(b) (6)

Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue

On May 29, 2018, at 5:01 PM, Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA <Tas.Smith@ga.usda.gov> wrote:

Daniel and Charles,

This is a brief report I received this morning on some of the storm damage in SW GA.

Charles you may have a more accurate reading since you are on the ground.

Tas Smith
State Executive Director
Georgia Farm Service Agency, USDA
tas.smith@ga.usda.gov
355 E. Hancock Ave., Stop 100
Athens, GA 30601
706-546-2266
FAX 1-855-409-5735

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<SW GA Storm Report 5-29-18.docx>

From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senator David Perdue Opposes Massive Spending Bill
Date: Friday, March 23, 2018 9:15:42 AM

Hello,

I would like to share Senator Perdue's Press Release on the federal spending bill.

Thank you
Very Respectfully,
Kathy Burns



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 22, 2018

Senator David Perdue Opposes Massive Spending Bill

“This spending bill was written by a few politicians who got in a room and decided how to spend a trillion dollars.”

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA) announces his opposition to the Senate's upcoming vote on a massive federal spending package:

“Washington has reached a new low. We are six months into this fiscal year and we are just now voting on funding for the remainder of it. Not to mention, this is after two shutdowns and five continuing resolutions. This is beyond pathetic. It is irresponsible, and a danger to our Republic.

“Unfortunately, this spending bill is not a product that represents everybody. It's a product written by a few politicians who got in a room and decided how to spend a trillion dollars. The result is a massive spending package projected to increase the federal debt by another trillion dollars. This is no way to fund the federal government. While this bill provides our military with more funding, it does not provide them with more certainty in the long-term.

“The larger problem here is the budget process has failed again. It is imperative the newly formed Joint Select Committee change the budget process to address the structural problems that lead to this unacceptable outcome. For the last three years, I've been working with both Democrats and Republicans, and I am convinced we need a politically neutral platform to fund the government on time, every year without using continuing resolutions or massive, last minute spending packages.

“I came to the U.S. Senate to change how Washington works, and I have not given up. We will not solve our nation’s \$21 trillion debt crisis by simply fixing our budget process, but we won’t solve the debt crisis unless and until we fix our broken budget process.”

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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Re: SORRY!!!!!!: FY19 RD Operations under a CR
Date: Friday, September 28, 2018 3:06:30 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
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[image007.png](#)

Thanks Joyce. Great to hear from you ANYTIME:~!

Have a nice weekend.
Kathy

Kathy Burns
Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue



----- Original message -----

From: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Date: 9/28/18 2:57 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: "Stanek, Jack - RD, Athens GA" <Jack.Stanek@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: SORRY!!!!!!: FY19 RD Operations under a CR

I sent to the wrong "Kathy" but perhaps that's information that you can use too. That was meant for our Kathy Ross. Hope you have a great weekend.

JOYCE WHITE
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From: Reed, Michael <Michael.Reed@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 2:30 PM
To: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>; Fryer, Paul <Paul.Fryer@mail.house.gov>; Cutts, Kenneth <Kenneth.Cutts@mail.house.gov>; Giles, Misty - OSEC, Washington, DC <Misty.Giles@osec.usda.gov>; Wheat, Marie - RD, Washington, DC <Marie.Wheat@wdc.usda.gov>; Barrack, Leslie - RD, Washington, DC <Leslie.Barrack@wdc.usda.gov>; Foley, Martha <Martha.Foley@mail.house.gov>; Layman, Joseph <Joseph.Layman@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: FY19 RD Operations under a CR

Thanks.

M

From: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 11:19 AM
To: Reed, Michael <Michael.Reed@mail.house.gov>
Cc: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>; Fryer, Paul <Paul.Fryer@mail.house.gov>; Cutts, Kenneth <Kenneth.Cutts@mail.house.gov>; Giles, Misty - OSEC, Washington, DC <Misty.Giles@osec.usda.gov>; Wheat, Marie - RD, Washington, DC <Marie.Wheat@wdc.usda.gov>; Barrack, Leslie - RD, Washington, DC <Leslie.Barrack@wdc.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: FY19 RD Operations under a CR

Hi Michael,

Short answer is that program funding continues in a different manner. The typical allocation process to states must be altered because of budget restrictions of a CR.

CF direct loan funds will be held in the National Office reserve, and made available on a first-come, first-served basis. Then will be applied against a state's annual allocation once there is full-year funding. CF grant funds will be held at the national office because the amounts are very small and require budget authority, which could change.

Joby Young

Chief of Staff
 Rural Development



United States Department of Agriculture
 Mobile: (b) (6)

From: Reed, Michael <Michael.Reed@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 3:53 PM
To: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>; Fryer, Paul <Paul.Fryer@mail.house.gov>; Cutts, Kenneth <Kenneth.Cutts@mail.house.gov>
Subject: FY19 RD Operations under a CR

Joby:

It's my understanding that we have a few pending grant/loan applications pending in GA, which have now been delayed/not finalized because of a lack of available FY18 funds (includes another police car situation in Leary for \$35K+/-, which has been in the hoppy for months).

Question: When we start the new fiscal year under a Continuing Resolution (we're told the President will sign in the next couple days), will State RD offices received any new FY19 funding in the first quarter or, would the Department/Agency wait till the full FY19 Ag Appropriations bill is passed, presumably in Dec. to begin providing FY19 program funding? The CR expires December 7, 2018. I would assume GA is not the only state where an infusion of FY19 funds come October 1 is desperately needed.

Thanks and hope all is well.

M

*Michael J. Reed
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From: [White, Joyce \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: FW: (b) (6)
Date: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 10:50:17 AM

Heidi: I have tried to keep this guy at bay, but he is persistent. Now he is asking for a letter that states he was on long-term disability his final year with Benton in 2014.

I'm happy to refer him to the gentleman you asked me to the last time, but that e-mail was so old, I don't have it any longer.

Hope you are well and know you are prayed for.

Joyce

From: Kelly, Colin (Perdue)
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2017 2:15 PM
To: White, Joyce (Perdue) <Joyce_White@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: (b) (6)

He is requesting a letter from Perdue Partners that states that he was on long term disability during his final year of work with Benton which was 2014, and his last day was November 26th, 2014. He said that he needs this letter to provide to his insurance company. His phone numbers are (b) (6) and (b) (6) his email address is (b) (6) and his mailing address is (b) (6)



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Staff Assistant

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From: [Zoller, Martha \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Hey From Joyce
Date: Friday, January 12, 2018 4:12:26 PM

Texting to you.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Martha Zoller

(b) (6)

I use voice dictate so please excuse any typos or misspellings.

----- Original message -----

From: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Date: 1/12/18 3:35 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Zoller, Martha (Perdue)" <Martha_Zoller@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Hey From Joyce

I hope you are doing well.

I know you said you will be in Athens on Tuesdays, so let's get together for a Tuesday lunch or coffee. I will be in Atlanta this upcoming Tuesday, Jan 16 meeting with Governor Deal's staffer on Broadband and hopefully someone from the Speaker's office as well.

Maybe we can get together the following Tuesday.

Do you have a phone number for Joel Katz from Doug Collin's Office or do you know anyone there? The Sheriff of Union Co had been working with Joel but lost the phone number. I'm trying to help Sheriff Mack Mason.

Thanks!

Joyce White
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From: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Isakson, Perdue Urge Senate, House Leaders to Immediately Fund Agriculture Disaster Relief
Date: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 2:29:19 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 13, 2019

CONTACTS:
[Cherie Gillan](#), 202-224-6594
[Casey Black](#), 202-224-1324

Isakson, Perdue Urge Senate, House Leaders to Immediately Fund Agriculture Disaster Relief

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators Johnny Isakson (R-GA) and David Perdue (R-GA) today wrote to House and Senate leadership urging immediate action on a supplemental disaster relief package to provide critical aid for victims of natural disasters in Georgia and across the country. Supplemental disaster funding was overwhelmingly supported by 98 U.S. senators, including Isakson and Perdue, in funding proposals voted on earlier this year, but this week’s initial agreement to fund the government past February 15 does not include this crucial funding.

In a letter to Congressional leaders, Isakson and Perdue joined with a bipartisan group of senators representing states recovering from recent hurricane and wildfire damage to urge an immediate vote on disaster recovery funding for states working to rebuild, writing, “**...we insist you bring a disaster supplemental bill to the floor for consideration at the earliest opportunity to ensure that the federal government fulfills its responsibility.**”

The letter also expresses concerns that, if a supplemental disaster relief package is not passed by Congress, “**state and local governments will not have the necessary resources needed to address critical issues, including defense capabilities, agriculture, infrastructure and economic development that are crucial to our constituents and businesses in hard hit areas.**”

In their effort to ensure Georgia farmers and others recovering in the wake of Hurricane Michael receive much-needed federal aid, Isakson and Perdue have twice introduced a \$3 billion agriculture disaster relief [amendment](#) to bills under consideration before the Senate in the 116th Congress.

Perdue and Isakson plan to continue raising this issue in the Senate until Congress approves disaster funding.

Today’s letter was led by U.S. Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) and in addition to Isakson and

Perdue, signed by U.S. Senators Richard Burr (R-N.C.), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Doug Jones (D-AL), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Brian Schatz (D-HI), Rick Scott (R-FL), Tim Scott (R-S.C.), Dan Sullivan (R-AK), and Thom Tillis (R-N.C.).

On November 30, 2018, Perdue and Isakson sent two letters requesting additional funding for disaster assistance for Georgians recovering after Hurricane Michael: the first letter to Senate [appropriators](#) and the second to Senate [leadership](#).

The full text of the February 13 letter to Senate leadership is available [here](#).

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From: [Hayes, Jennifer \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Saunders, Ashton – OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Starling, Raymond - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Casework
Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 12:03:11 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Ashton,

Thank you for reaching out. Our office has been in touch with the (b) (6) family as well as with the Department of State. We will let you know as soon as we have updated information.

Please let me know if you have any questions in the interim.

Sincerely,
Jennifer

From: Saunders, Ashton – OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Ashton.Saunders@usda.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 5:17 PM
To: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Starling, Raymond - OSEC, Washington, DC <Raymond.Starling@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Casework

Hi Jennifer,

It was awesome to speak with you earlier.

If you want to give us a quick update about the situation in Haiti feel free to. I'm adding my boss Ray here so that he can be kept up-to-date as well.

Thanks for taking my call and have a great evening.



Ashton Saunders
 Confidential Assistant | Office of the Secretary

United States Department of Agriculture

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From: [Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: I'm with Scott Hutchins
Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 10:58:31 AM

No worries I'll be here.

From: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 10:56 AM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: I'm with Scott Hutchins

May be a couple minutes late. Transportation problems!

Abbey L. Fretz
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From: [Forsyth, Gabriele \(Perdue\)](#)
To: ["Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC"](#); [Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#); [Lightfoot, Stephanie \(Perdue\)](#)
Cc: [Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting with nominee Naomi Earp
Date: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 2:05:40 PM

Got it on the books.



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Direct phone: (b) (6)

From: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 2:04 PM
To: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>; Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>; Lightfoot, Stephanie (Perdue) <Stephanie_Lightfoot@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC <Brock.Densel@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting with nominee Naomi Earp

Let's do 10:15am on Wednesday. Thanks!

From: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 2:01 PM
To: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>; Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>; Lightfoot, Stephanie (Perdue) <Stephanie_Lightfoot@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC <Brock.Densel@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting with nominee Naomi Earp

What about either 9:15am on Tuesday (Oct 2) or 10:15am on Wednesday (Oct 3)?



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From: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 1:58 PM
To: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>; Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>; Lightfoot, Stephanie (Perdue)

<Stephanie_Lightfoot@perdue.senate.gov>

Cc: Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC <Brock.Densel@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: RE: Meeting with nominee Naomi Earp

Hi Gabriele,

Ms. Earp is flexible all week. What would be the best day and time for the Senator?

Thank you for your help in getting this set up!

Lindsay

From: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 11:00 AM

To: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>; Hale, Daniel (Perdue)

<Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>; Lightfoot, Stephanie (Perdue)

<Stephanie_Lightfoot@perdue.senate.gov>

Cc: Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC <Brock.Densel@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: RE: Meeting with nominee Naomi Earp

Next week.... Are there any times Ms. Earp can come to Capitol Hill to meet with Sen. Perdue?

Please advise.

Gabriele



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From: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>

Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 2:13 PM

To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>; Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue)

<Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>; Lightfoot, Stephanie (Perdue)

<Stephanie_Lightfoot@perdue.senate.gov>

Cc: Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC <Brock.Densel@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: Meeting with nominee Naomi Earp

Good afternoon all,

I hope you are doing well! Naomi Earp, who has been nominated to serve as the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at USDA, will be in DC next week and would like to set up a meeting with the Senator

and/or staff if possible. She will be available any time Monday through Friday. Please let me know if any of these options would work for your boss or staff. If not, I will circle back when she returns to DC and we can try again at that time.

Best,

Lindsay



Lindsay Moore

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From: [Forsyth, Gabriele \(Perdue\)](#)
To: ["Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC"](#)
Cc: [Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Photo op
Date: Monday, November 5, 2018 12:27:44 PM

Yes!



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From: Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2018 11:48 AM
To: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>; Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Photo op

Hey there,

We have the House and Senate Ag Fall interns coming on Wednesday, Nov 14 at 4:45pm for a meet and greet/photos. Would your interns be able to come then and we can include them in that group? If so, please send me their names.

Thanks!
Lauren

From: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2018 11:28 AM
To: Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Photo op

Lauren –

Does Sec. Perdue ever do photo ops? I have 2-3 interns that would love a pic with the Secretary if ever possible between now and mid-December? Please.

Gabriele

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From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: joyce.white@ga.usda.gov
Subject: FW: Farm Tour Invite.pdf
Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 10:54:23 AM
Attachments: [Farm Tour Invite.pdf](#)

From: Sandi B. Williams [mailto:(b) (6)@gfb.org]
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2017 2:19 PM
To: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Farm Tour Invite.pdf

Sandi B. Williams
Monroe Co. Farm Bureau
Office Manager

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FARM BILL FARM TOUR

*A look into sustainable programs for
Beef, Poultry, & Aquaculture*

Monday, November 20, 2017
9:00am to 2:00pm

Vaughn Farms - Talmadge Place
1740 Old Atlanta Highway
Forsyth, GA 31029



R.S.V.P. by October 20th to

(b) (6)

@gfb.org or (b) (6)

Lunch will be provided.

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From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: City of Senoia
Date: Thursday, March 14, 2019 1:03:30 PM

Thanks Joyce! I will be at our office on Friday, will pick up some peanuts for you.

Chris Perkins

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 11:22 PM
To: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: City of Senoia

Ok. I will call her tomorrow. Glad to do it. Hope you are great and hope to see you somewhere soon. If you have any peanuts, I'll take them off your hands.

From: "Perkins, Chris (Perdue)" <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 5:01:53 PM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: City of Senoia

Joyce,

Some folks at the Senoia Development Authority would like to speak to someone in Rural Economic Development.

Jennifer Meares

(b) (6) [@senoia.com](#)
(b) (6) Cell

Sincerely,

Chris Perkins

Field Representative

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From: [Dickey, Derrick \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: FW: (b) (6) info
Date: Friday, April 7, 2017 3:46:46 PM
Attachments: (b) (6) [Cover Letter, Resume](#) (b) (6)

Senator Crapo spoke directly with Senator Perdue about (b) (6) and gave him his highest recommendation.



Derrick Dickey
Chief of Staff

Office of United States Senator
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From: "Wheeler, Susan (Crapo)" <Susan_Wheeler@crapo.senate.gov>
Date: Friday, April 7, 2017 at 3:24 PM
To: Derrick Dickey <Derrick_Dickey@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: (b) (6) info

Thanks for returning my call. I've attached some information about (b) (6) [REDACTED], who is under consideration for Under Secretary of Agriculture – Natural Resources and Environment. He would be a great selection and is already on Governor Perdue's interview list. He's been a farmer/rancher (b) (6) for many years, but (b) (6) [REDACTED]. As you know from our conversation, (b) (6) [REDACTED] I would be happy to facilitate an introduction of (b) (6) to you and/or your appropriate staff during the state work period. Please let me know if you need anything further from me on this. Thanks!

From: [Waldrop, PJ \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: FYI - Passing along
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 4:39:21 PM
Attachments: (b) (6) Recommendation Letter

*PJ Waldrop
Deputy Chief of Staff
U.S. Senator David Perdue
202-224-3521*

From: [Ziesenhene, Greg \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Ziesenhene, Greg \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Fwd: Senator David Perdue: Holding Our Military Hostage Is No Way To Govern
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018 9:51:42 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Subject: Senator David Perdue: Holding Our Military Hostage Is No Way To Govern



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 18, 2018

**Senator David Perdue: Holding Our Military
Hostage Is No Way To Govern**

*“Don’t tie immigration to funding the government.
Our men and women in uniform deserve better”*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA) spoke on the Senate floor to reiterate that funding the government and solving the DACA situation are two entirely different issues, with two separate deadlines, and should not be tied together as one.

Click [here](#) to watch or click on the image below.



Only In Washington: “It is absolutely ridiculous that we’re in the fourth month of this fiscal year, in the middle of January, and we still haven’t funded the government for the balance of the year. No other entity that I know of can do this except the United States federal government.”

Two Separate Issues: “The DACA solution and funding the federal government are two issues that we’re talking about. They have nothing to do with each other and should not be tied together.”

False Deadlines: “I’m shocked Democrats would advocate for shutting down the government over a bill no one has seen yet and for an issue that has nothing to do with getting the government funded. Creating a false deadline for a DACA solution and using it to hold our military hostage is no way to govern.”

Right Back Here: “If we don’t actually solve what created this we’re going to be right back here in a few years, and that’s the problem I have with the bill that’s being discussed here, the so-called Graham-Durbin proposal.”

Defining The Scope: “There was a bipartisan, bicameral meeting in the White House last Tuesday. I was moved by how the President opened up the conversation on immigration. He said we need to develop a compassionate approach to the DACA situation that demonstrates love in dealing with these young people who are here illegally but through no fault of their own. At that meeting, President Trump defined the scope of the negotiations and brought a sense of urgency to this issue.”

Solving DACA: “All we want is to solve DACA and ensure we aren’t doing this again in a few short years. That means we need a real investment in border

security. We need to put the focus on immediate families of incoming immigrants. We need to end the archaic, outdated visa lottery.”

Time For Action: “It’s time for action. The American people demand it, but this should not be tied to funding the government. Our men and women in uniform deserve better.”

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Senator Perdue is the only Fortune 500 CEO in Congress and is serving his first term in the United States Senate, where he represents Georgia on the Armed Services, Banking, Budget, and Agriculture Committees.

From: [Seaver, Andrew \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Re: SJ Gun Club seeks lawmakers' help on shooting range.pdf
Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 10:53:27 AM

Great!! Thanks for sharing. I had been searching to see when/if they were gonna put something out!! How did everything go Thursday? I had hoped to make it back in time to listen in, but got sidetracked w/drop ins on the long drive back from Blairsville. Hope the new gig is treating you well!! And we should get lunch soon!! Thanks, Andrew

Regional Representative
Office of United States Senator David A Perdue (R-GA)

(b) (6)

On Feb 5, 2018, at 11:52 PM, White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov> wrote:

Looks like we've made the paper. This is coming out tomorrow. I've been on the phone with Sheriff Mack Mason. I do hope all this works out for them.

Hope you are doing great.

Joyce

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<SJ Gun Club seeks lawmakers' help on shooting range.pdf>

From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: USDA Funding
Date: Monday, March 4, 2019 6:07:06 PM
Attachments: [image009.png](#)
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[image016.png](#)
[image017.png](#)
[image019.png](#)
[image020.png](#)

Thanks Joyce!

Chris Perkins

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 12:00 PM
To: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: FW: USDA Funding

Hi Chris: Dawn Pilgrim from my office has reached out to Dr. Morris a couple of times via phone, but had to leave VM. So she sent the attached. I just wanted you to know we have tried to reach her. Hope you are great.

JOYCE WHITE
 State Director
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From: Pilgrim, Dawn - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 11:32 AM
To: (b) (6) @avpride.com
Cc: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: USDA Funding

Hello Dr. Morris,

Mr. Chris Perkins from Senator David Perdue's office provided us with your contact information and asked that we reach out to you regarding how Rural Development can help address opioid misuse in

rural communities. USDA is committed to partnering with rural communities to provide local solutions to the opioid crisis.

I have attached some resource information that you may find useful. Please take a look at it and feel free to give me a call if you have any questions, or if you would like to discuss in more detail.

I look forward to speaking with you.

Dawn Pilgrim

Dawn Pilgrim
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From: [Hancock, Lauren \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Dickey, Derrick \(Perdue\)](#); [Derrick Dickey](#); [Waldrop, PJ \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: (b) (6) Letter
Date: Thursday, April 27, 2017 5:01:06 PM
Attachments: [4.27.17 \(b\) \(6\)](#)

As promised, (b) (6)

attached.

--LNH



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April 24, 2017

Mrs. Heidi Green
Chief of Staff to the Secretary of Agriculture
United States Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Mrs. Green,

It is our pleasure to recommend [REDACTED] to be considered for Executive Director of the Georgia office of the USDA Farm Service Agency.

(b) (6)

We believe (b) (6) is an outstanding candidate for Executive Director of the Georgia office of the USDA Farm Service Agency, and appreciate your consideration of his application. If we can answer any further questions, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Sincerely,



Johnny Isakson
United States Senator



David A. Perdue
United States Senator

From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senator David Perdue Pushes Conservative Approach To Solving Immigration Problems
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 2:55:29 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Hello,

I would like to share Senator Perdue's interview below.

Very Respectfully,
Kathy Burns



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 30, 2018

Senator David Perdue Pushes Conservative Approach To Solving Immigration Problems

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA) spoke with Laura Ingraham on Fox News Channel's *The Ingraham Angle* about President Trump's immigration framework.

Click [here](#) or on the image below to watch the full interview.



Highlights:

Starting Point: “A year ago, Tom Cotton and I started with a very conservative approach to solve the legal immigration problem once and for all. We warned about the visa lottery and we said we needed an end to chain migration.”

Americans Agree: “Two-thirds of Americans want to end chain migration and the visa lottery, fix the DACA problem, and build that wall to make our border secure.”

Reasonable Framework: “President Trump has laid out a framework that is ingenious. We will find out if people on both sides are really serious about solving this immigration problem. I think we have the framework to actually get it done.”

Conservative Wins: “The President wants an end to DACA, but he has also given conservatives what he promised—a safer and securer border with a wall, an end to chain migration, which is what’s caused us to be here, and an end to the security issues with the visa lottery.”

Eyes On The Prize: “We conservatives have to keep our eyes on the prize, and the prize is ending the problems that got us here in the first place.”

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From: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
To: tas.smith@ga.usda.gov
Subject: Senator Perdue w/ Colquitt Co. Farm Bureau
Date: Thursday, September 20, 2018 4:19:48 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hey Tas,

Just want to let you know that Senator Perdue will be meeting with the Colquitt County Farm Bureau tomorrow in Moultrie. Not sure if you'll be in the area, but we'd be glad to have you!

Casey Black

@SenDavidPerdue

Desk: 202-224-1324

Cell: (b) (6)



FOR PLANNING PURPOSES
 September 20, 2018

CONTACTS:
[Casey Black](#), 202-224-1324
[Jenni Sweat](#), 202-224-0614

MEDIA ADVISORY:

Senator David Perdue To Visit Southwest Georgia

ATLANTA, GA – On Friday, September 21, U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA) will visit Thomasville and Moultrie to hear from local leaders in the agriculture industry and discuss the growing economy. Following the events, Senator Perdue will hold media availabilities.

Senator Perdue Meets With Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce

WHAT: Senator Perdue will address the Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce and hold a media availability.

WHEN: Friday, September 21, 8:00 a.m. ET

WHERE: Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce
 401 S. Broad St.
 Thomasville, GA 31792

Senator Perdue Meets With Colquitt County Farm Bureau

WHAT: Senator Perdue will address the Colquitt County Farm Bureau and hold a media availability.

WHEN: Friday, September 21, 10:00 a.m. ET

WHERE: Colquitt County Farm Bureau
1899 Sylvester Hwy
Moultrie, GA 31768

****Media interested in attending must RSVP to casey_black@perdue.senate.gov by 6:00 p.m. ET on Thursday, September 20.***

###

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From: [Ziesenhene, Greg \(Perdue\)](#)
To: (b) (6); joyce.white@ga.usda.gov Joyce White
Bcc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: FW: For awareness: Passing of Mr. Zell Shaw Blackmon, Sr. (Warner Robins)
Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018 11:26:33 AM

Hey Joyce! I had lunch with Tas yesterday in Warner Robins.

Forwarded for awareness: Passing of Mr. Zell Shaw Blackmon, Sr. (Warner Robins)

Mr. Blackmon, Sr. (97-years old) is the grandfather of State Rep Shaw Blackmon, III (HD-146) from Bonaire.
He was a WWII Veteran serving in the U.S. Army Air Corp in the Pacific and a retired from Civil Service with the U.S. A.F. at Robins AFB.

Obituary--Funeral is Monday, March 12th :
<http://m.mcculloughfh.com/obituaries/events?obituaryId=3004399>

State Rep Shaw Blackmon, III (HD-146) from Bonaire:
<http://www.house.ga.gov/Representatives/en-US/member.aspx?Member=1878&Session=24>

From: [Forsyth, Gabriele \(Perdue\)](#)
To: ["Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC"](#)
Cc: [Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Photo op
Date: Monday, November 5, 2018 3:43:34 PM

Again, thank you for this – we will have Mitchel Sheffield and Ansley Green (goes by Cason) there.



GABRIELE FORSYTH
Scheduler

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From: Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2018 11:48 AM
To: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>; Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Photo op

Hey there,

We have the House and Senate Ag Fall interns coming on Wednesday, Nov 14 at 4:45pm for a meet and greet/photos. Would your interns be able to come then and we can include them in that group? If so, please send me their names.

Thanks!
Lauren

From: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2018 11:28 AM
To: Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Photo op

Lauren –

Does Sec. Perdue ever do photo ops? I have 2-3 interns that would love a pic with the Secretary if ever possible between now and mid-December? Please.

Gabriele

GABRIELE FORSYTH
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From: [Ayres, Ben \(Perdue\)](#)
To: Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov
Subject: FSIS Issue
Date: Thursday, March 1, 2018 6:14:26 PM
Attachments: [USDA grant of inspection.pdf](#)

Joby,

Below are copies of two emails that might help explain the issue a little better. Thanks again for the help.

Ben-Daniel

Please see the attached letter. I will forward 2 others.

My client, Dawn Meats built a dist center and cooler/freezer facility in Cordele. They were planning to use the Port of Savannah and the Inland Port in Cordele for importing between 400-500 containers of fresh frozen pork products per year to fulfill a contract with a US Restaurant Chain. The cost of having the inspection in Savannah is approximately 2000\$ per container (unloading, inspection and then reloading the containers). As you can imagine, using Savannah with this inspection process is cost prohibitive. Unless the Federal Inspection Service can provide inspections at their facility in Cordele near the Inland Port, they will have to look at other ports and facilities in other states. Please see if you and Senator Perdue could help.

Thanks

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I met with Dr. Tutt at the plant today. It was more of a “get to know” meeting rather than an inspection. She is the district manager for our area and had received our Form 5200-2 and Form 5200-6 applications. She was aware of our previous application for “Import Inspection” and the fact that it was denied. She said the main reason was that we were too far away from a port and they do not have enough staff to cover all the areas. (see below)

I showed her around the plant and she appeared to like what we had done. I explained the process and she said that it appeared fine but they would have to review everything at the inspection. She mentioned the HACCP and SOP programs as being very important and the other documents needed. (City water and sewer letter etc.)

We then talked about exporting products out of the store to South Africa etc. This is what Form 5200-6 is for. She said that would not be any problem. All we had to do is fill in the paperwork and then call the local FSIS office and have one of their inspectors call up to the plant (usually with 24 hours) and review the product and sign the paperwork. We then bring the paperwork to the local vet (at the nearby Tyson chicken plant) and get him/her to sign it. Once that is done we are ready to export.

I asked Dr. Tutt why the FSIS inspector that is available to come to the plant at any time was not able to do the same for the imports. Her answer was that the export inspectors are general inspectors and not trained in the Import requirements so could not do it.

She felt that it would be nearly impossible to get the rule changed in the District Office in Atlanta and any change in Washington could take a long time.

Once we have been provisionally approved she said that we could ask for the small business assistance program to walk us through the inspection process and make sure we had everything done before the final inspection. I accepted this offer and it would be a big benefit. Overall, the meeting went well. She said that the application is in the process and that she would file her report immediately.

She said that if we had any questions to give her a call.

If I hear anything I will let you know.

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(b) (6) has received the correct paperwork now and has been trained)

He was happy with the business and hopes someday to lend you money, without the personal guarantee!!!!

Ben Ayres
Projects Director

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800-282-7005

December 20, 2017

Desmond Stewart
Cordele Food Holdings LLC
201 N. Harris Street
Cordele, GA 31015

Dear Mr. Stewart:

We are in receipt of your application for an import Grant of Inspection for Cordele Food Holdings LLC located at 201 N. Harris Street, Cordele, GA 31015. You are requesting a new Grant of Inspection for this location to import meat products.

In evaluating your request and the requirements of 9 CFR 304.2 (b), the district office must consider the efficient and effective use of Inspection Program Personnel (IPP) in accordance with 9 CFR 307.4 (d)(1).

The statutes and regulations require that meat, poultry and egg products be reinspected by FSIS before they can enter commerce in the United States. FSIS does not restrict which official import inspection establishment is used, whether the shipment arrives by air, land or sea. Historically, FSIS limits grants of inspection for official import inspection establishments to facilities within 50 miles of conventional ports of entry, which generally located around the perimeter of the United States. The current practice is a result of a Government Accounting Office (GAO) audit <http://www.gao.gov/products/T-RCED-90-96> conducted in July 1990 and of considerations that arose in the wake of September 11, 2001. At this time, we are committed to the use of the 50-mile radius because of resource constraints and because of the need to ensure that essential food defense measures are effective.

Therefore, for this reason your request for a new Import Grant of Inspection is denied.

We would like to inform you that the State of Georgia has a single facility for importing meat product, which is located in Pooler, GA near Savannah. That facility is approximately 177 miles from your location. Additionally, there are two official import inspection establishments near the Port of Charleston located in South Carolina. There are additional location for your potential customers looking for alternative import inspection facilities.

If there are questions related to the content of this letter please feel free to contact Dr. Phyllis Adams, DM or Dr. Jan Brown, DDM

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phyllis Adams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Phyllis" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Adams".

Dr. Phyllis Adams
Atlanta District Manager

From: [Waldrop, PJ \(Perdue\)](#)
To: Ken.Barbic@osec.usda.gov
Subject: Ag Disaster
Date: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 4:55:03 PM

Ken,

Can we chat soon? We're at crunch time on a couple things.

Thanks,

PJ Waldrop
Deputy Chief of Staff
U.S. Senator David Perdue
202-224-3521

From: [Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: H2A
Date: Friday, May 25, 2018 12:50:40 PM

Thanks a lot Kristi!

From: Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Kristi.Boswell@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2018 9:48 AM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: H2A

Daniel,

I wanted to make sure you saw the following –

Thanks!
Kristi

Good morning:

This afternoon Secretary Perdue, Secretary Acosta, Secretary Nielsen, and Secretary Pompeo will be issuing a joint statement announcing that our Departments are working in coordination to propose streamlining, simplifying, and improving the H-2A temporary agricultural visa program – reducing cumbersome bureaucracy and ensuring adequate protections for U.S. workers.

The Administration has heard from farmers all over the country and understands that instability in their workforce is one of the top issues that is of concern. Congress created an agricultural guest worker program precisely for farmers who find themselves in this situation. However, the program in its current form is overly bureaucratic, expensive and burdensome.

As the agencies tasked with administering or facilitating the H-2A visa program, and thus closest to farmer and labor stakeholders, the Departments of State, Agriculture, Labor, and Homeland Security are embarking on a process to modernize the H-2A visa program by clarifying and improving the regulations governing the program. We look forward to delivering a more responsive program soon.

We look forward to working with Congress and stakeholders to achieve additional solutions that are unachievable through the regulatory process.

For further details or questions, please contact Kristi Boswell at kristi.boswell@osec.usda.gov

Kristi J. Boswell
Senior Advisor to the Secretary
United States Department of Agriculture
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Cell: (b) (6)

From: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) [mailto:Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 7:02 PM
To: Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Kristi.Boswell@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: H2A

Hey Kristi, I know you spoke with our Deputy Chief, PJ, last year and have been in touch with some of our folks back home, but I wanted to see if we could touch base on the work that yall are doing with the Interagency working group on ag labor. Our fruit and vegetable guys and Georgia Farm Bureau have asked us to weigh in on this again, so I wanted to see if there is any way Senator Perdue could be helpful in the process. He met with Secretary Acosta about this last year not long after his confirmation, so he wasn't quite up to speed on H2A to say the least. If you have time tomorrow or early next week for a chat it would be much appreciated. Let me know.

Thanks,
Daniel

Daniel Hale

Legislative Assistant
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue
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From: [Waldrop, PJ \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Barbic, Ken - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Eunice, John \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: Disaster bill
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 9:01:56 AM
Attachments: [ELT19059.docx](#)
[ELT19059.pdf](#)

-PJW

From: Barbic, Ken - OSEC, Washington, DC <Ken.Barbic@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 8:58 AM
To: Waldrop, PJ (Perdue) <PJ_Waldrop@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Disaster bill

Heard you all filed. Can you send me the text? Thanks.

Ken Barbic
Assistant Secretary
Office of Congressional Relations
U.S. Department of Agriculture
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From: [White, Charles \(Perdue\)](#)
To: Tas.Smith@ga.usda.gov
Cc: [Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#); [Tostensen, Sam \(Perdue\)](#); [Hayes, Jennifer \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: FSA Administrator Fordyce in Georgia Next Week
Date: Thursday, September 13, 2018 5:31:26 PM
Attachments: [DRAFT3 GA Itinerary Savannah 091818jmc.docx](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

Thanks Tas!

Looping in Jennifer and Sam in case they want to join y'all on Wednesday.

Charles White

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Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA" <Tas.Smith@ga.usda.gov>
Date: September 13, 2018 at 4:43:55 PM EDT
To: "White, Charles (Perdue)" <Charles.White@perdue.senate.gov>, ["daniel_hale@perdue.senate.gov"](mailto:daniel_hale@perdue.senate.gov) <daniel_hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: FSA Administrator Fordyce in Georgia Next Week

Charles and Daniel,

Just wanted to give you a heads up that FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce will be in Georgia next week.

Attached is an agenda for his visits with me on Wednesday and Thursday. Thursday afternoon is in flux....because of a possible dinner with the peanut shellers in Americus that evening.

We would welcome your attendance on any portion of the trip. I know Richard would appreciate greetings on behalf of Senator Perdue. Will send you another agenda when Thursday afternoon is more finalized.

Thank you.

Tas Smith
State Executive Director
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Southern Georgia Trip Itinerary for Administrator Richard Fordyce

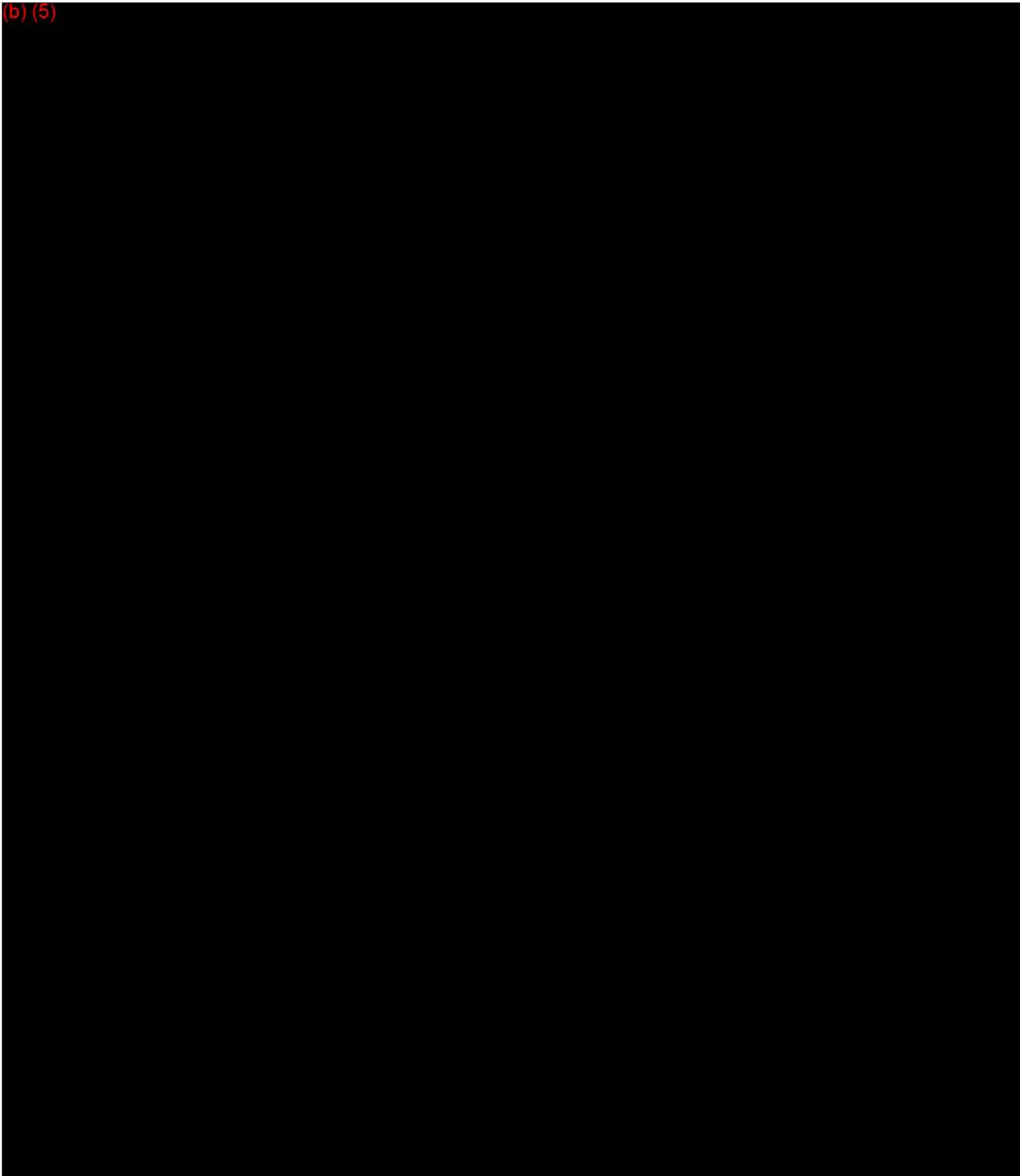
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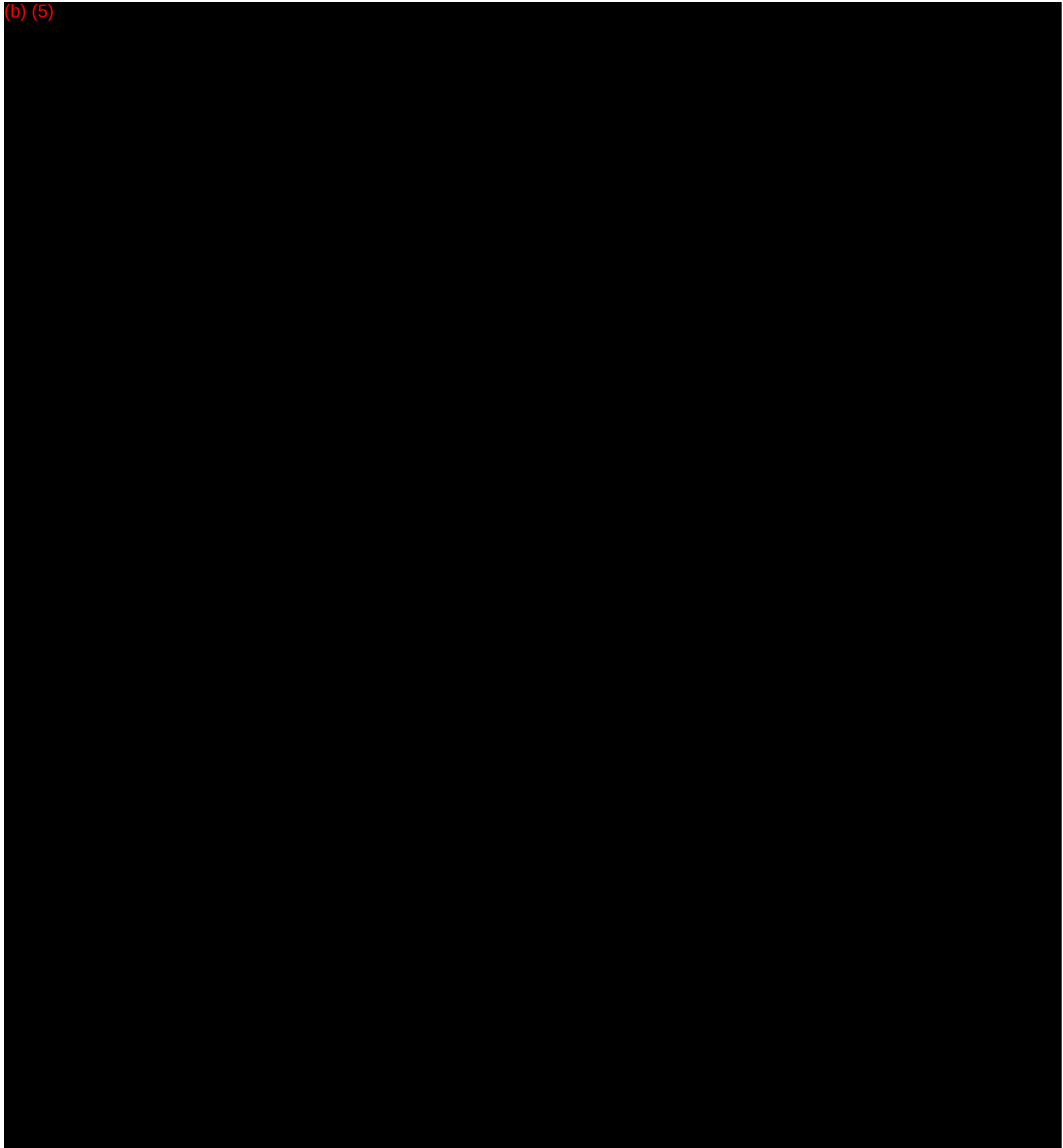
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Thursday, September 20, 2018

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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Re: E-Connectivity Programs
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 12:47:52 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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Hi Joyce!

Thank you very much for sending these documents. These will be helpful to the folks around my region.

I will send them to our chambers, commissioners as well as to our economic development folks.

The presentation you did in Macon was great and I will let our groups know about the opportunity to have someone come speak.

I hope you and your family are doing well!!

Thank you again.

Very Respectfully,
Kathy

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Date: 3/20/19 11:56 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: E-Connectivity Programs

Hi Kathy: Sorry to be a day in responding, but my PIO had to prepare a document that she felt would be easy for people to understand. So much of our programs are technical. If you have a group where you would like one of us to come and present our programs, we can certainly do that.

If this doesn't make sense, let me know.

Thanks,

JOYCE WHITE
State Director

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From: Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 11:21 AM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Cc: Williams, Hope - RD, Athens, GA <Hope.Williams@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Simplified E-Connectivity Programs

Joyce:

I prepared a simplified summary paragraph on RD's broadband e-connectivity programs in the attached word document.

Five packets are prepared and I handed them off to Hope to bring to you while you're in Perry tomorrow. A pdf of the packet info is attached.

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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senator David Perdue Comments On Reverend Billy Graham
Date: Sunday, February 25, 2018 10:04:01 PM

Hello,

I would like to share Senator Perdue's comments on the passing of Reverend Billy Graham.

Very Respectfully,
Kathy



Kathy Burns

West Central Georgia Regional Representative

OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR DAVID A. PERDUE (R-GA)

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Senator David Perdue Comments On Reverend Billy Graham

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA) comments on the passing of Reverend Billy Graham:

“Reverend Graham was truly ‘America’s pastor.’ Over his lifetime, he was instrumental in counseling numerous presidents through some of our nation’s most difficult times. His work and dedication to Christ are an inspiration to many and will not soon be forgotten. Bonnie and I join the nation in lifting up the entire Graham family in prayer during this very difficult time.”

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From: [Ayres, Ben \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: FSIS issue
Date: Thursday, March 1, 2018 1:51:12 PM

Works for me. My direct is (b) (6)

From: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 1:39 PM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Ayres, Ben (Perdue) <Ben_Ayres@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: FSIS issue

Ben are you good at 5:45?



Joby Young

Chief of Staff – Office of Congressional Relations

United States Department of Agriculture

Mobile: (b) (6)

From: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) [mailto:Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 1:28 PM
To: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Ayres, Ben (Perdue) <Ben_Ayres@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: FSIS issue

No problem. I'm actually travelling this afternoon but Ben Ayres knows the issue better than I do and he should be able to talk.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>
Date: 3/1/18 1:13 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Hale, Daniel (Perdue)" <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: FSIS issue

Hey man,

I overlooked your reply. Can you talk at 5:45? What is a good number?



Joby Young

Chief of Staff – Office of Congressional Relations

United States Department of Agriculture

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From: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) [mailto:Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 9:53 AM
To: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: FSIS issue

Alright, I appreciate it. Do you have a few minutes to talk around 11 this morning?

From: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 11:38 PM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: FSIS issue

I can get some info for you. Our FSIS person is out this week so I'm happy to assist.

Joby Young
Chief of Staff
Office of Congressional Relations
United States Department of Agriculture
Mobile: (b) (6)

Please excuse brevity and typos
Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 27, 2018, at 6:10 PM, Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov> wrote:

Hey Joby, hope all is well. We had a company reach out to us regarding FSIS inspections. Who would be the best person to get in touch with over there on FSIS issues?

Daniel Hale

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From: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senator David Perdue Supports Farm Bill That Includes Georgia Agriculture Priorities
Date: Thursday, June 28, 2018 5:57:38 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)



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June 28, 2018

CONTACTS:
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Senator David Perdue Supports Farm Bill That Includes Georgia Agriculture Priorities

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA), a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, comments on Senate passage of the 2018 Farm Bill, which includes numerous key Georgia priorities:

“Agriculture is Georgia’s number one industry and a major reason why our state continues to be the best state in the country in which to do business. I’ve traveled across Georgia to listen to farmers and stakeholders in the agriculture industry. One thing is clear – this Farm Bill is a jobs bill. America’s food security is economic security. This bill saves more money than the last Farm Bill, cracks down on food stamp fraud, and preserves programs that have helped Georgia farmers weather low commodity markets. Unfortunately, an important provision was eliminated that would level the playing field for American textile mills. I’m also disappointed this bill includes a provision that will impose one-size-fits-all standards on farms, which runs counter to President Trump’s work to roll back overreaching regulations. I hope these concerns will be worked out before this bill reaches the President’s desk. Getting a bipartisan bill that balances the needs of every commodity and region is not an easy task. While this Farm Bill is not perfect, it will provide certainty to farmers in Georgia and around the country.”

Prior to passage of the U.S. Senate’s 2018 Farm Bill, Senator Perdue [spoke on the floor](#) to highlight some of the provisions important to Georgia.

As a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Senator Perdue was an active participant in writing the 2018 Farm Bill. Senator Perdue secured the following provisions important to Georgia’s agriculture community:

- **Protects Peanut And Cotton Farmers:** Protects critical programs for Georgia’s top two commodities by preserving existing safety nets.
- **Helps Pecan Growers Compete:** Provides for the assessment of imported pecans so

that foreign producers pay the same assessment fee as U.S. pecan growers.

- **Cracks Down On SNAP Fraud:** Puts in place a verification system to prevent individuals from receiving payments in more than one state at the same time.
- **Verifies SNAP Recipients:** Initiates a pilot program to verify earned income at the time of certification and recertification.
- **Connects Georgia's National Forests:** Includes Senator Perdue's Chattahoochee Oconee Land Adjustment Act, which gives the U.S. Forest Service the tools they need to create a more contiguous National Forest.
- **Encourages Self-Sufficiency:** Eliminates the unnecessary subsidy on all rural development loan programs to allow the programs to become self-sufficient and save the U.S. Treasury approximately \$50 million per year.
- **Establishes Agriculture Scholarships:** Creates a scholarship program for students attending Historically Black Land-Grant Institutions who want to pursue a career in the agriculture industry.
- **Gives Flexibility To Land-Grant Schools:** Allows land grant universities, like Fort Valley State, to carry over unused grant funds from year to year through the Carryover Equity Act.
- **Advances Timber Industry:** Establishes performance driven research and development programs for advancing new and innovative wood construction materials.
- **Prioritizes Turf Grass Research:** Adds Turf Grass Research to the list of high priority research at colleges and universities.
- **Strengthens Rural Cybersecurity:** Allows rural utilities to use certain electric loans and loan guarantees from USDA to fund improvements to grid security and cybersecurity.
- **Requests Critical Data:** Establishes a report with necessary data to protect human and animal health against possible threats posed by imported dogs.
- **Provides Relief For Peaches And Blueberries:** Makes disaster funding available to peach and blueberry growers that were affected by recent frost damage under the Wildfire Hurricane Indemnity Program (WHIP).
- **Supports New Farmers:** Allows the Farm Service Agency, which loans to disadvantaged and new farmers, to increase its loan authority during years when the demand for FSA loans unexpectedly exceeds its cap.

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Senator Perdue is the only Fortune 500 CEO in Congress and is serving his first term in the United States Senate,

where he represents Georgia on the Armed Services, Banking, Budget, and Agriculture Committees.

From: [White, Charles \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Cc: [Redding, Jody \(Isakson\)](#)
Bcc: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Re: Letter to Wayne Dillard and Phil Addy
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 4:48:30 PM

Thanks Tas!

Let us know if you plan to come down to Webster/Marion anytime soon.

Charles White

(b) (6)

Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue

On Apr 10, 2018, at 3:55 PM, Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA <Tas.Smith@ga.usda.gov> wrote:

Jody and Charles,

Attached is a copy of a letter mailed today regarding Mr. Dillard and Mr. Addy's proposed FSA office location for the Marion/Webster County FSA office.

We have mailed hard copies for your reference as well.

If you have any questions let me know.

Thank you.

Tas Smith
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<WayneDillardPhilAddy 041018.pdf>

From: [Ziesenhene, Greg \(Perdue\)](#)
To: joyce.white@ga.usda.gov
Subject: Ft Valley State University's 2018 (36th annual) Ham & Egg Legislative Breakfast
Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 11:13:34 PM

Always great seeing you Joyce! Really enjoyed Ms. Hazlett's presentation and meeting her today.
Greg

From: [Waldrop, PJ \(Perdue\)](#)
To: heidi.green@osec.usda.gov
Subject: Quick question
Date: Friday, April 27, 2018 2:12:26 PM

I need to ask you a 30 second question, but really need to talk today. Can you call?

(b) (6)

-PJW

From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Contact Kathy Parsons
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 2:13:43 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Thanks Joyce! Unfortunately we don't have many visitors to our office, lol.

Chris Perkins

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 11:27 PM
To: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Contact Kathy Parsons

I sure will. Thanks again for thinking of rural development as you travel around. Thanks too for the peanuts. I told Ben you brought me some and he said "we have a ton!" I said "I know." "I set up the delivery of them". I have to say. When I did, I thought we would have more visitors to the Senator's Office than we do though.

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From: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 12:40 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Contact Kathy Parsons

Joyce,

Could you have someone to reach out to this person?

Kathy Parsons
 President & CEO, Impact West Georgia

<http://www.impactwestga.org/>

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Office 770-834-4007

(b) (6) [@impactwestga.org](mailto:(b) (6)@impactwestga.org)

Sincerely,

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From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Pike County contact
Date: Monday, April 1, 2019 10:27:52 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Thanks Joyce !

Chris Perkins

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 10:17 AM
To: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Pike County contact

I sure will. I am going to ask Holly Selph, our Area Director for that area, to give him a call. Thanks for sending him our way.

I am still working on Kathy Carson. I spoke with her at length and her need is for affordable housing in Carrol County. My housing director is out with a death in the family, but I'll get him to call her as soon as he is back.

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From: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 10:11 AM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Pike County contact

Joyce,

Could you have someone reach out to the gentleman listed below. He is with the Pike County Agribusiness Authority.

Ken Gran

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Sincerely,

Chris Perkins

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From: [Ziesenhene, Greg \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Fwd: Announcement-Joint Select Committee Assignment
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 8:38:09 AM

Subject: Announcement



Friend,

I've been calling out Washington's **broken budget process** ever since I came to the United States Senate.

It is a complete failure and has only worked four times in the last 44 years. Both Republicans and Democrats have acknowledged that the budget process is broken, and now, we are finally seeing some urgency to fix it.

Recently, Congress formed a [joint select committee](#) of 8 Republicans and 8 Democrats from the House and Senate tasked with fixing the budget process.

It was just announced this evening that I was chosen to serve on this committee. I'm hopeful we will make real progress toward changing this budget process so Congress can successfully meet its constitutional responsibility of funding the federal government.

Fixing the budget process will not solve the debt crisis, but we will not solve the debt crisis unless and until we fix this broken budget process.



P.S. Read more about Washington's broken budget process [here](#).



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From: [Sweat, Jenni \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Sweat, Jenni \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senators Perdue, Isakson Request Disaster Aid For Georgia Farmers
Date: Friday, November 30, 2018 1:34:36 PM



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November 30, 2018

CONTACTS:
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[Jenni Sweat](#), 202-224-0614

Senators Perdue, Isakson Request Disaster Aid For Georgia Farmers

Seek additional resources, reforms for Georgia agriculture as state recovers from Hurricane Michael

ATLANTA, GA – U.S. Senators David Perdue (R-GA) and Johnny Isakson (R-GA) sent a letter to Senate appropriators requesting disaster assistance for Georgia’s agriculture industry as a result of Hurricane Michael.

“Hurricane Michael caused extensive damage to Georgia and across the Southeast,” **said the senators.** “Georgia’s agricultural industry alone suffered more than \$2.5 billion in losses. Late-season crop losses are especially devastating with the producer having already invested the vast majority of production costs into the crop. Additionally, the losses extend beyond crop damage to include buildings, equipment, irrigation pivots and other infrastructure.”

“Due to the severity and timing of the losses, additional assistance is needed to allow producers to recover a portion of expenses associated with the 2018 crop and secure production financing for the 2019 crop,” **continued the senators.**

The senators’ letter outlines critical changes that need to be made to the current disaster loss program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Additionally, it urges the inclusion of a Pecan and Specialty Crop State Block Grant Program. This would give the secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture the authority to provide assistance in the form of block grants to eligible states and may include compensation to producers for expenses such as forest restoration, vegetable plant preparation, and reimbursement for losses of pecan production expected before tree maturity.

In October, Senators Perdue and Isakson joined Vice President Mike Pence and Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue in Bainbridge, Moultrie, and Albany, Georgia, to [visit farmers and producers](#) who were devastated by Hurricane Michael.

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From: [Sweat, Jenni \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Sweat, Jenni \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senator David Perdue Announces Committee Assignments For 116th Congress
Date: Monday, January 7, 2019 6:13:30 PM



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January 7, 2019

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Senator David Perdue Announces Committee Assignments For 116th Congress

Perdue To Continue Serving On Armed Services, Banking, Budget, Agriculture Committees

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA) announces he will continue serving on the Armed Services, Banking, Budget, and Agriculture Committees in the 116th Congress. Senator Perdue’s role on these influential committees puts him at the intersection of solving our national debt and global security crises.

On the Armed Services Committee, Senator Perdue fully supports our national defense priorities:

“The women and men who serve in uniform represent the very best of America. It is our responsibility to make sure our troops have the tools they need to defend our nation against evolving threats. In order to rebuild our military after years of disinvestment, we must continue to modernize our capabilities, improve readiness, and increase accountability at the Department of Defense.”

- Required Department of Defense to [complete a full audit](#) for the first time in history
- Supported [Army Cyber Center of Excellence](#) at Fort Gordon and [Advanced Battle Management System](#) at Robins Air Force Base
- Hosted [Strategic Military Advisory Group meetings](#) with leaders from each of Georgia’s military communities

On the Banking Committee, Senator Perdue is working to improve our financial system:

“Overregulation has sucked the very life out of our free-enterprise system. By rolling back confusing and often contradictory regulations, and undoing the most onerous parts of Dodd-Frank, we’ve begun freeing up trapped capital and started to put it to

work in our economy. These efforts are making banks work for average Americans and generating much-needed economic growth to help solve our national debt crisis.”

- Led bipartisan rollback of [Dodd-Frank regulations](#)
- Protected [consumers’ personal information](#) gathered by the CFPB

On the Budget Committee, Senator Perdue is fighting to fix Washington’s broken funding process:

“Washington is locked in a cycle of continuing resolutions and last-minute spending deals. This is totally irresponsible. We need a politically-neutral platform to fund the government on time, every year. Fixing the funding process alone will not solve our debt crisis, but we won’t solve this debt crisis until we fix our broken funding process.”

- Offered solutions to change Congress’s funding process in [Joint Select Committee for Budget and Appropriations Process Reform](#)
- Wrote “[Outsider’s Guide to the Federal Budget](#)” outlining ideas to fix the budget process

On the Agriculture Committee, Senator Perdue is a strong voice for Georgia’s farmers:

“Agriculture is Georgia’s number one industry and a major reason why our state continues to be the best state in the country in which to do business. Growing up working on my family’s farm, I learned at an early age that agriculture is not just a business – it’s a way of life. To keep thriving, our farm families need more certainty from Washington and fewer rules and regulations.”

- Secured [provisions](#) important to Georgia’s agriculture community in the 2018 Farm Bill
- Traveled across Georgia to [visit farmers, foresters, and researchers](#) with Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue
- Held [listening sessions](#) to hear directly from farmers and the agriculture community

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From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Opioid Grants
Date: Friday, June 22, 2018 3:21:29 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Thanks Joyce!

Chris Perkins

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2018 2:29 PM
To: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Opioid Grants

I'm happy to reach out! Thanks so much.

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From: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) [mailto:Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2018 1:04 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Opioid Grants

Joyce,

I met someone else this week that would be interested in obtaining a grant to help with the Opioid crisis.

Pam runs an organization in Fayette County (AVpride) that deals with it. They have started a coalition -

C-SAP (Coweta Substance Abuse Prevention) in Coweta to help there. Could you or one of your staff reach out to her?

Thanks!

Pam Reid
Executive Director
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Sincerely,

Chris Perkins

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From: [Hayes, Jennifer \(Perdue\)](#)
To: ken.barbic@osec.usda.gov
Subject: FW: Privacy act - (b) (6)
Date: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 2:27:10 PM
Attachments: [privacy act.pdf](#) Privacy Release Form withheld (b)(6)
[ATT00001.txt](#)

Dear Mr. Barbic,

(b) (6) contacted Senator Perdue regarding his USDA loan. Please see the information below and his privacy form attached. According to your rules and regulations, any assistance that you could provide would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your time and attention in this matter. I sincerely appreciate your help.

Thank you again,
Jennifer Hayes

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I have been asked by Mr. Mark Wingate to send this e.mail to you regarding an unexpected last minute difficulty with our home mortgage from the United States Department of Agriculture in spite of an earlier approval to close on this loan this past Monday, August 20th. Your willingness to help us resolve this matter is sincerely appreciated.

Earlier today our lender, called to inform us that she spoke with Melodie Brooks within the USDA regarding our home loan for the property at (b) (6). Ms. Brooks told our lender that the USDA would not be able to approve our loan with them because (b) (6)

(b) (6) makes us unqualified within the USDA loan income requirements.

I wanted the opportunity to explain our (b) (6) situation. In the (b) (6)

I appreciate you taking the time to understand our situation better and I sincerely hope the USDA will process and approve our loan (b) (6)

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)]

Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 1:12 PM

To: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>

Subject: Privacy act - (b) (6)

See attached signed Privacy form giving your department permission to speak with the USDA regarding my loan for

(b) (6).

From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: folks to contact
Date: Friday, May 11, 2018 3:28:55 PM

Some elected officials that would be interested in speaking with you.

Tracey Alford
City Council, Milner (Lamar County)

(b) (6)

Cell (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Lee Powers
Carroll County Commissioner

Cell (b) (6)

(b) (6) [@carrollcountyga.com](mailto:(b) (6)@carrollcountyga.com)

Sincerely,

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From: [Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Lee, Evan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: question
Date: Monday, October 29, 2018 1:48:45 PM

Hey Evan good to meet you as well. Would you have a minute to talk about an issue this afternoon?

From: Lee, Evan - OSEC, Washington, DC <Evan.Lee@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 1:07 PM
To: Bachmann, Peter - OSEC Washington, DC <Peter.Bachmann@osec.usda.gov>; Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: question

Hi Daniel – nice to meet you over email.

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Evan B. Lee
Chief of Staff
Office of Congressional Relations
U.S. Department of Agriculture
c: (b) (6)

From: Bachmann, Peter - OSEC Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 1:06 PM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Lee, Evan - OSEC, Washington, DC <Evan.Lee@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: question

It is now Evan Lee, cc'ed.

From: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 11:09 AM
To: Bachmann, Peter - OSEC Washington, DC <Peter.Bachmann@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: question

Who handles NRCS issues in your office over there?

Daniel Hale
Legislative Assistant
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue
(202) 224-3521

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From: [Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Breakfast on Tuesday
Date: Monday, December 4, 2017 1:41:35 PM

Yessir. Did you get in touch with Van Hollen's office?

From: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 1:36 PM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Breakfast on Tuesday

Got it. Thanks!



Joby Young

Chief of Staff – Office of Congressional Relations

United States Department of Agriculture

Mobile: (b) (6)

From: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) [mailto:Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 1:20 PM
To: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Breakfast on Tuesday

Yes he does. (b) (6) but will need to park. Thanks

From: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 1:14 PM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Breakfast on Tuesday

Does Sen. Perdue need parking?



Joby Young

Chief of Staff – Office of Congressional Relations

United States Department of Agriculture

Mobile: (b) (6)

From: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) [mailto:Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov]

Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 10:37 PM

To: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: Breakfast on Tuesday

Hey Joby, we were thinking Senator Van Hollen would be a good one to invite. I wasn't sure if y'all wanted us to reach out or not since its your breakfast? Just let know.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: [Hayes Jennifer \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Ross Katherine - RD Sandersville GA](#); [White Joyce - RD Athens GA](#)
Subject: RE: URGENT MESSAGE ABOUT RURAL WATER NEEDS AND FUNDING AVAILABLE
Date: Thursday, August 2, 2018 1:25:58 PM
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[image016.png](#)
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Thank you so much!! You are the best!!!

From: Ross, Katherine - RD, Sandersville, GA [mailto:katherine.ross@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2018 1:24 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>; Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: URGENT MESSAGE ABOUT RURAL WATER NEEDS AND FUNDING AVAILABLE

Jennifer,

I am very familiar with the good folks in Lincoln County and in the City of Lincolnton. We are currently completing a sewer project with the city. We obligated funds for a county project in March. This project was a water project that provided additional service to areas of the county. Do you think this is the project the County needed? If they have something else, I will be glad to talk to them. In fact, I will reach out to them just to be sure.

Thank you for your support of our programs.

Kathy

Kathy L. Ross
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From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 1:09 PM
To: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>; Ross, Katherine - RD, Sandersville, GA <katherine.ross@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: URGENT MESSAGE ABOUT RURAL WATER NEEDS AND FUNDING AVAILABLE

Looks like they are eligible!

I am adding our Program Director/Area Director (Kathy Ross) just to make sure they are eligible, and Kathy will be the one to get the project started if they decide to proceed. Kathy is delightful to work with. She is really short staffed currently, but she'll do all she can to bring their project into fruition should they decide to go forward.

Below is a website that allows you to plug in an address to determine eligibility. All of our loans are different though and have different population criteria. Some funds can be loaned to communities of 20,000 or less and some loans can go to communities with populations of 50,000 or less. They vary depending on what the loans is for.

These loan dollars for water and waste just happens to have a low population cap of 10,000.

Thanks for answering with a potential project.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/water-environmental-programs>

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From: Taylor, Jacqueline - RD, Athens, GA

Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 12:45 PM

To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>

Subject: RE: URGENT MESSAGE ABOUT RURAL WATER NEEDS AND FUNDING AVAILABLE

I checked for the county seat which is Lincolnton and they are eligible!

Also I included a link for the Water & Environmental page on our website for additional information.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/water-environmental-programs>

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 12:30 PM
To: Taylor, Jacqueline - RD, Athens, GA <Jacqueline.Taylor@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: URGENT MESSAGE ABOUT RURAL WATER NEEDS AND FUNDING AVAILABLE

Can you check to see if 30817 is eligible for WEP?

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From: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) [mailto:Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 11:31 AM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: URGENT MESSAGE ABOUT RURAL WATER NEEDS AND FUNDING AVAILABLE

Thank you so much! (b) (6) ☺

30817 is Lincoln County's zip code. I'm not sure they have 10k people

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [<mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2018 10:04 AM
To: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: URGENT MESSAGE ABOUT RURAL WATER NEEDS AND FUNDING AVAILABLE

Fantastic! Thanks.

(b) (6)

We are blessed.

Let us know if we can help with Lincoln County. One piece of criteria is that the population for a rural community has to be 10,000. If we know the zip code, we can figure eligibility out. I'm copying my assistant, Jacqueline "Lea" Taylor so she can help if you are trying to figure out if the area is eligible.

Talk to you soon.

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From: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) [mailto:Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 9:22 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: URGENT MESSAGE ABOUT RURAL WATER NEEDS AND FUNDING AVAILABLE

Hey Joyce!!

It is so great to hear from you! Thank you so much for sharing this information!

I actually had a conversation with Lincoln county about their needs a few months ago. I will circle back with them.

Thank you so much!

(b) (6) We miss you!

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Date: 8/1/18 6:05 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue)" <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>, "Seaver, Andrew (Perdue)" <Andrew_Seaver@perdue.senate.gov>, mark_smith@perdue.senate.gov, "Ziesenhene, Greg (Perdue)" <Greg_Ziesenhene@perdue.senate.gov>, "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>, "Perkins, Chris (Perdue)" <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>, "White, Charles (Perdue)" <Charles_White@perdue.senate.gov>, "Tostensen, Sam (Perdue)" <Sam_Tostensen@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: "Fry, Ben (Perdue)" <Ben_Fry@perdue.senate.gov>, "Zoller, Martha (Perdue)" <Martha_Zoller@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: URGENT MESSAGE ABOUT RURAL WATER NEEDS AND FUNDING AVAILABLE

Hello to my friends and fellow colleagues who are serving Georgia.

I love the fact that we still get to work together in helping Georgia. With that said, I wanted to make you aware of funding available to help rural areas with water and waste, sewer and clean water systems.

USDA Rural Development currently has \$4 billion available for water and sewer projects and we want to make sure Georgia's rural water system needs are met.

I know you know your communities and therefore you may be aware of water and sewer needs for a particular area. If that area is located in rural Georgia, we want to help you help your communities.

The Georgian Municipal Association, in its [Capital Needs of Georgia Cities, 2018-2022](#), reports \$3.6 billion in projected statewide water & sewer capital needs over the next 5 years (excluding Atlanta).

When meeting with your local officials and leadership in your designated districts, please let them know there is funding available to help them with water system needs. If you already know of a project that needs to be done, please let me know by responding to this e-mail and we will have a USDA area director get in touch with whomever you designate as a proper contact.

See the official news release below.

Thanks and see you soon!

Joyce White
State Director, USDA Rural Development
Georgia

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An Urgent Announcement from USDA

Apply Now: More Than \$4 Billion in Loans Available for Rural Water Infrastructure Projects

Not long ago, the United States was a world leader in infrastructure investments. Federal and private funding helped even the most remote communities obtain electricity, running water and access to the rest of the world through telecommunications.

However, recent years have not followed the same trend, and too many rural communities have been left behind. The need for improvement is great, especially for rural water and wastewater systems.

To put this in perspective, the American Water Works Association estimates that more than \$600 billion is needed over the next 20 years to upgrade our nation's water and wastewater systems. To bring it closer to home, the Georgian Municipal Association, in its [Capital Needs of Georgia Cities, 2018-2022](#), reports \$3.6 billion in projected statewide water & sewer capital needs over the next 5 years (excluding Atlanta).

Fortunately, for small and rural water systems in towns with populations of 10,000 or less, Rural Development has a source of affordable financing. There is hope for the future. This year, USDA Rural Development has ***more than \$4 billion*** in direct loans available now to help rural communities build or upgrade water infrastructure. This is a substantial increase from last year. In 2017, USDA helped more than 2.5 million rural residents get access to upgraded water and wastewater systems. I am excited to see how many more people we can help with this unprecedented funding opportunity.

I encourage rural community leaders and water district operators to apply now for this assistance before the Sept. 30 deadline. USDA [state and field offices](#) are great resources to use during the application process, and we have technical assistance providers with water and waste expertise that can help complete rural communities' applications.

USDA's support for rural water infrastructure is already making a big impact here in Georgia. We [recently announced](#) \$14 million funding for projects in Woodbury, Harlem and Hogansville and additional water and sewer loans and grants are in the final stages of underwriting for other rural communities.

Water districts and rural communities can apply for USDA loans electronically using the interactive RDApply tool on the USDA Rural Development website (rd.usda.gov). Also, USDA state and field offices are great resources to use during the application process. The Georgia Rural Development office locations and contact information can be found at our website <https://www.rd.usda.gov/ga>.

USDA is eager to partner with you in this effort to modernize water infrastructure in our state's rural communities.

Joyce White, Director, USDA Rural Development Georgia

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In addition to our [website](#), [Twitter](#) site and [email bulletin updates](#), we invite you to watch [Notices of Solicitation of Applications](#) (NOSAs) and [Stakeholder Announcements](#) websites to stay apprised of Rural Development program information.

For additional details and information, telephone Deborah Callahan, Public Information Officer, Rural Development Georgia at (b) (6) or email to Deborah.Callahan@ga.usda.gov.

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From: [Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Moving On
Date: Friday, January 11, 2019 12:11:11 PM

Hello All,

After over 3 years of working for Senator Perdue and serving the people of Georgia, today will be my last day with the office. (b) (6) I will be moving to Senator Marsha Blackburn's office on Monday to handle the same ag, energy, environment etc. I've been handling here. I'm excited to be working for my home state again and spending a lot more time down there, but it's certainly bittersweet to leave the folks down in Georgia. It's been an extremely rewarding experience to work with all of you over the years and I hope to continue to work with you in my new role whenever possible.

I hope to keep in touch with all of you and don't hesitate to reach out to me in my new role. Starting Monday you'll be able to contact me at Daniel_hale@blackburn.senate.gov.

Best,
Daniel

Daniel Hale

Legislative Assistant
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue
(202) 224-3521

From: [Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Wilson, Erin E. - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: USDA Regulation
Date: Thursday, November 1, 2018 3:52:20 PM

Hey Erin sorry for the delay I got sidetracked with some other issues. My coworker met with them and doesn't really know the issue. I'm going to reach out to them and see if can get some more information. I'll get back to you afterwards so we aren't running in circles on this. Apparently this isn't actually a food bank but some new organization formed in Georgia whose mission providing food to folks in need outside of food banks.

From: Wilson, Erin E. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Erin.Wilson@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 1:29 PM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: USDA Regulation

Hi Daniel—your coworker met with the food banks? Do you have any additional background info I can provide our program folks so they can try and determine which rule?

Thanks!
 Erin

From: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 10:14 AM
To: Wilson, Erin E. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Erin.Wilson@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: USDA Regulation

Hey Erin thanks a lot. My coworker actually met with them but from what I've gathered this co-op modeled group claims they are ineligible for receiving TEFAP food or funds.

From: Wilson, Erin E. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Erin.Wilson@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 4:00 PM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: USDA Regulation

Hi Daniel,

I am happy to look into this issue for you. Do you have the name of the rule you referenced below?

I will start looking into this now, thanks!

Best,
Erin Wilson
 Office of Congressional Relations
 United States Department of Agriculture
 (b) (6) (Direct)

(b) (6) (Work Cell)

From: Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 3:34 PM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Wilson, Erin E. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Erin.Wilson@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: USDA Regulation

Thanks for reaching out Daniel, connecting you with my replacement in OCR Erin Wilson who can help. Hope all is well!

From: "Hale, Daniel (Perdue)" <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Monday, October 29, 2018 at 3:25:51 PM
To: "Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Kailee.Tkacz@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: USDA Regulation

Hey Kailee, hope all is well. I wanted to reach out on this food bank issue below and see if this something that would be in your area of expertise. We're trying to get them in touch with someone of there. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Best,
 Daniel

From: Huang, Gerald (Perdue)
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 2:48 PM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: USDA Regulation

I've got a few food banks who are run as co-ops and want help with a USDA rule. Right now USDA gives free food to food banks and have rules that do not allow participation in this program if they try to put restrictions on who can get access to the food. The food co-ops aren't really charging membership fees or anything, rather it's more of a device to help they maintain their resources. Everyone in the co-op is give the full access to whatever they want, they just have to wait until there is an opening at the co-op. They would like to participate in the free food programs with USDA. Let me know who they can talk to at USDA.

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From: [Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Lee, Evan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Sec. Perdue visit to SW GA
Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 11:19:18 AM

Thank you sir. The boss isn't scheduled to leave DC until that afternoon but that could change. I've let our state staff know as well so hopefully someone can make it.

From: Lee, Evan - OSEC, Washington, DC <Evan.Lee@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 4:55 PM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Sec. Perdue visit to SW GA
Importance: High

Hi Daniel – I wanted to let you know the Secretary is planning to visit Seminole Stockyard Inc. in Donalsonville on Friday afternoon as part of a FL-AL-GA trip to meet with producers and assess damage from Hurricane Michael.

Below is our itinerary/run of show.

We also extended an invitation to Rep. Sanford Bishop, though Mr. Bishop's office has sent their regrets that the member will be detained in Washington on Friday. If the Senator cannot attend, of course staff is welcome to attend on his behalf.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
 Evan

12:45 pm EDT Arrive at Seminole Stockyard Inc.

Location: *Seminole Stockyard Inc.*

5061 GA-91

Donalsonville, GA 39845

Greeted by Commissioner Gary Black (Georgia Department of Agriculture) and Edwina Skipper (President | Seminole Stockyard Inc.)

12:50 pm EDT Luncheon with Commissioner Black and GA Agriculture Leaders.

Location: *Seminole Stockyard Sale Barn*

2:00 pm EDT Press gaggle.

2:10 pm EDT THE SECRETARY departs.

Evan B. Lee

Chief of Staff
Office of Congressional Relations



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From: [Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Dickey, Derrick \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: State Directors
Date: Thursday, November 2, 2017 10:25:21 AM

Sounds good. Thank you sir

From: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 4:48 PM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Dickey, Derrick (Perdue) <Derrick_Dickey@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: State Directors

Hi guys,

Likely tomorrow, we expect that the White House will announce Tas Smith as GA FSA State Director and Joyce White as RD State Director.

We wanted to give you all a heads up beforehand. This information will not be public before the initial White House announcement so please keep it a close hold. We will forward you the release upon publication. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Joby



Joby Young

Chief of Staff – Office of Congressional Relations

United States Department of Agriculture

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From: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: 2018 Farm Bill Passes Senate, One Step Closer To President Trump's Desk
Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 5:42:10 PM



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December 11, 2018

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2018 Farm Bill Passes Senate, One Step Closer To President Trump's Desk

Senator Perdue Gets Results For Georgia Farmers

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA), member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, secured numerous provisions important to Georgia in the final negotiations of the 2018 Farm Bill.

“Getting a good Farm Bill across the finish line is critical for rural communities in Georgia and around the country,” **said Senator Perdue**. “This bill ensures America’s agriculture industry will continue to be a strategic industry for years to come. It preserves programs that have helped Georgia farmers deal with low commodity prices without increasing spending levels. Growing up working on my family’s farm, I learned at an early age that agriculture is not just a business – it’s a way of life for many people across our country. This Farm Bill is an important investment in our farmers, ranchers, rural communities, and agribusinesses, as well as our national security.

“While this Farm Bill is a good start, it’s not perfect. It fails to make commonsense changes that would help put Americans receiving food assistance back to work. However, I am encouraged by the willingness of President Trump and Agriculture Secretary Perdue to deal with this issue. While I am disappointed that disaster relief funding for peach and blueberry growers was removed, I am encouraged that it will be addressed in the remaining funding bills. Ultimately, I am pleased that many Georgia priorities that were not included in the Senate bill were addressed in the final product. Balancing the needs of every commodity and region is not an easy task, and this Farm Bill will still provide much needed certainty to our farmers in Georgia and across the country.”

Senator Perdue secured the following provisions important to Georgia’s agriculture community:

- × **Protects Peanut And Cotton Farmers:** Protects critical programs for Georgia’s top

two commodities by preserving existing safety nets.

- × **Supports All Members Of Farming Operations:** Eliminates a flawed provision that would have limited certain family members from being considered “actively engaged” in the farm operation based on management. This would have hurt many Georgia family farms ineligible for farm program participation.
- × **Extends Support For Textiles:** Prolongs funding to ensure American textile mills can compete globally.
- × **Helps Pecan Growers Compete:** Provides for the assessment of imported pecans so that foreign producers pay the same assessment fee as U.S. pecan growers.
- × **Cracks Down On SNAP Fraud:** Puts in place a verification system to prevent individuals from receiving payments in more than one state at the same time.
- × **Verifies SNAP Recipients:** Initiates a pilot program to verify earned income at the time of certification and recertification.
- × **Connects Georgia’s National Forests:** Includes Senator Perdue’s Chattahoochee Oconee Land Adjustment Act, which gives U.S. Forest Service the tools they need to create a more contiguous National Forest.
- × **Encourages Self-Sufficiency:** Eliminates unnecessary subsidy on all rural development loan programs to allow programs to become self-sufficient and save U.S. Treasury approximately \$50 million per year.
- × **Establishes Agriculture Scholarships:** Creates a scholarship program for students attending Historically Black Land-Grant Institutions who want to pursue a career in the agriculture industry.
- × **Gives Flexibility To Land-Grant Schools:** Allows land-grant universities, like Fort Valley State, to carry over unused grant funds from year to year through the Carryover Equity Act.
- × **Advances Timber Industry:** Establishes performance driven research and development programs for advancing new and innovative wood construction materials.
- × **Prioritizes Turf Grass Research:** Adds Turf Grass Research to the list of high priority research at colleges and universities.
- × **Strengthens Rural Cybersecurity:** Allows rural utilities to use certain electric loans and loan guarantees from U.S. Department of Agriculture to fund improvements to grid security and cybersecurity.
- × **Requests Critical Data:** Establishes a report with necessary data to protect human and animal health against possible threats posed by imported dogs.
- × **Supports New Farmers:** Allows Farm Service Agency, which loans to disadvantaged and new farmers, to increase its loan authority during years when the demand for FSA loans unexpectedly exceeds its cap.
- × **Adds Cushions Of Credit:** Balances the needs of taxpayers and electric cooperatives by ensuring that rates continue to stay competitive. The Farm Bill gradually phases out this program to provide savings.

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Senator Perdue is the only Fortune 500 CEO in Congress and is serving his first term in the United States Senate, where he represents Georgia on the Armed Services, Banking, Budget, and Agriculture Committees.

From: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senators Perdue, Isakson Tour Hurricane Michael Devastation With Vice President Pence
Date: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 5:40:19 PM



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Senators Perdue, Isakson Tour Hurricane Michael Devastation With Vice President Pence

Senators Thank President Trump For Visiting Georgia

ALBANY, GA – Following President Donald Trump’s visit to Middle Georgia yesterday, U.S. Senators David Perdue (R-GA) and Johnny Isakson (R-GA) joined Vice President Mike Pence and Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue in Bainbridge, Moultrie, and Albany, Georgia to visit farmers and producers who have been devastated by Hurricane Michael. They were also joined by Georgia Governor Nathan Deal and other state and local officials.

Click [here](#) or on image below to download pictures.



“It was an honor to have both President Trump and Vice President Pence in Georgia this week as we assess Hurricane Michael’s impact on our state,” **said Senator David Perdue.** “Today, we joined Vice President Pence and Secretary Perdue in South Georgia, where we met with farmers and producers who have suffered significant crop losses in the aftermath of the storm. There’s a long road

ahead, but it's encouraging to see Georgians come together during this challenging time. Thanks to President Trump, Vice President Pence, our first responders, and local and state authorities for their support as we work to get our communities up and running again."

"Georgia took a direct hit from Hurricane Michael and is in the beginning phases of recovery. I'm thankful for President Trump, who came down to Georgia yesterday with other administration officials to see firsthand the devastating situation on the ground. Traveling today with Vice President Mike Pence, Second Lady Karen Pence and Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, we had a chance to talk with our farmers and survey some of the worst-hit areas of southwest Georgia," **said Senator Johnny Isakson**. "Lives and livelihoods have been shattered, and our agriculture community took a particularly big hit. I thank President Trump, Vice President Pence and Secretary Perdue and Governor Deal for their commitment to working together to ensure Georgians have the resources they need to fully recover and make right what was lost to natural disaster."

"People have no idea how hard Hurricane Michael has hit the great state of Georgia. We are working very hard on every area and every state that was hit - we are with you," **said President Donald Trump**. "The people are incredible in Florida and in Georgia...I want to thank FEMA, first responders, and law enforcement - everyone has been so incredible."

"I know that we will get through this challenging time," **said Vice President Mike Pence**. "We will rebuild these crops and these communities. We will restore southwest Georgia, we will restore the Sunbelt region bigger and better than ever before. The best days for Georgia, the best days for American agriculture, and the best days for America, are yet to come."

"The Trump Administration is making a reputation for being more connected to state and local partners than any other administration I can ever remember," **said Secretary Sonny Perdue**. "Commissioner Gary Black, Governor Deal, and I have experienced this all the way from local community leaders to state legislators and governors. The people you've appointed in your office are reaching out and making people feel like we have truly one government. It's wonderful to be a part of that."

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From: [Hancock, Lauren \(Perdue\)](#)
To: Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov
Cc: [Forsyth, Gabriele \(Perdue\)](#); [Waldrop, PJ \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Re: Meeting with Assistant Secretary Barbic
Date: Friday, November 2, 2018 1:58:09 PM

Lindsay—

Derrick will be in Georgia next week. I can work on connecting the two of them at some point after the election?

Lauren

From: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 2, 2018 1:48 PM
To: Dickey, Derrick (Perdue)
Cc: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue)
Subject: Meeting with Assistant Secretary Barbic

Greetings Derrick,

I hope you are doing well! Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations Ken Barbic would like to find a time to meet with you, as an intro/catch up and to hear your priorities and how USDA can be helpful. Are you available at all on Tuesday morning the 6th? He'll be on the Hill and would love to stop by your office.

Please let me know if you're available.

Best,

Lindsay



Lindsay Moore

Staff Assistant
Office of Congressional Relations
United States Department of Agriculture
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From: [Poling, Caitlin \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Ziesenhene, Greg \(Perdue\)](#)
Cc: [Fry, Ben \(Perdue\)](#); [Zoller, Martha \(Perdue\)](#); [Hancock, Lauren \(Perdue\)](#); joyce.white@ga.usda.gov
Subject: RE: (b) (6)
Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 4:33:36 PM

Hi Greg,

Thanks for sharing – I know DD was meaning to follow up on these during his last visit to WH, so let me check w/him and see if he got any feedback. The letter of support was sent a few months back, and I haven't heard word of anyone else in the queue for that role...will circle the wagons here for you.

Thanks,
 Caitlin

From: Ziesenhene, Greg (Perdue)
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 4:31 PM
To: Poling, Caitlin (Perdue) <Caitlin_Poling@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Fry, Ben (Perdue) <Ben_Fry@perdue.senate.gov>; Zoller, Martha (Perdue) <Martha_Zoller@perdue.senate.gov>; Hancock, Lauren (Perdue) <Lauren_Hancock@perdue.senate.gov>; joyce.white@ga.usda.gov
Subject: Fwd: (b) (6)

Caitlin,

As expected, here's an update and refresh/follow-up request for support from (b) (6). As you know, Joyce and I met with him in June, and we both walked away with the strong sense that he's uniquely qualified for and passionately motivated to serve in this position. (b) (6) coming forwarded with support from a lot of key Georgians. See below and attached.
 Greg

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Tina Coria" (b) (6) <[mindspring.com](mailto:(b) (6)@mindspring.com)>
Date: December 12, 2017 at 4:04:34 PM EST
To: (b) (6) "Gravley, Micah" <micah.gravley@house.ga.gov>, "Micah Gravley II" (b) (6), (b) (6), "Tom McCullough" (b) (6), <greg.ziesenhene@perdue.senate.gov>
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Subject: (b) (6)

Hey CJ,

Yes Sir, Joyce is now with the other Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture Sunny Perdue, at the Georgia USDA Rural Development Office.

Martha Zoller is the new scheduler and Head of Policy here in Georgia for Senator David Perdue. Her number is 404-865-0087 & (b) (6).

According to Rex Bulloch, the request is now in Vice President Mike Pence's office with one of his key staff.

If anyone has additional status, please let us know!!!!

Always At your Service, Tina

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 3:16 PM

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Subject:

Hi all,

Just wanted to take a minute and bring everyone up to speed on what has been happening with the (b) (6)

Most all of you know that (b) (6)

I want to thank each of you for all you have done to help with (b) (6). I was not sure where we stood so I called Joyce White at Senator Perdue's office to get an update and was told that she is now with USDA, not sure who to contact now.

(b) (6) and I hope each of you had a Happy Thanksgiving and our wishes for you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

V/R

(b) (6)

From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Re: Will Harris
Date: Monday, September 24, 2018 5:18:07 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Thank you so much Joyce! I will share this with the team too.

You're the best
Kathy

Kathy Burns
Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue



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From: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Date: 9/24/18 3:37 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: FW: Will Harris

Hey Kathy: Sorry it was taking me a little time, but I was traveling and also it took me a little while to find this. It was on our website. See if this works for Mr. Harris. Thanks.

JOYCE WHITE
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From: [Kaye, Charlotte \(Perdue\)](#)
To: joyce.white@ga.usda.gov
Subject: Letter from Secretary Kemp
Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 3:32:53 PM
Attachments: [Letter from Brian Kemp for Joyce .pdf](#)

Hi Joyce,

I hope you're doing great and adjusting to your new role! Secretary Kemp sent a congratulatory letter to the DC office for you (attached), and I wanted to make sure that you got it! What is a good address for me to send it to you?

Best,



Charlotte Kaye

Legislative Correspondent

OFFICE OF SENATOR DAVID PERDUE

455 Russell Senate Office Building | Washington, DC 20510



Brian P. Kemp
Secretary of State

November 12, 2017

Ms. Joyce M. White
Office of Senator David Perdue
383 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ms. White, *Joyce,*

As Georgia's Secretary of State, I wanted to congratulate you on your appointment to serve as the Rural Development State Director for Georgia.

You have proven your leadership abilities and concern for serving the interests of the citizens of the state of Georgia, and I know you will continue to be a wonderful asset in this role. Thank you for all that you do.

Again, congratulations! Please do not hesitate to call on me if you need anything.

Sincerely,

B.P.K.
Brian P. Kemp

*All the best Joyce!
I know you will
do a great
job!*



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

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Date: Sunday, April 30, 2017 1:03:20 PM

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From: [Ryan.Weston-FASContact](#)
To: [Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: FW: invitation: Mexico
Date: Friday, May 5, 2017 12:24:10 PM
Attachments: [5.4..2017 Sugar Letter to Trump.pdf](#)

Brian,

I am sharing the attached letter with you. Heidi was only able to briefly attend the meeting so I wanted you to see our support for the President.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Monday was a difficult meeting. Lots of ground to cover for a Secretary with only a few days on the job. I told Heidi that I am happy to follow up at any time. She was emailing me back at 10:30 at night so I know she is putting in a lot of hours.

Hope you are doing well!

Ryan

From: Ryan Weston
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Dear all:

Please find attached the letter to the President that was shared with us late yesterday.

Sincerely,

Ryan

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 2, 2017

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
 President of the United States
 The White House
 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
 Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We write on behalf of American sugarbeet and sugarcane farmers and workers in response to Mexico's unfair trade practices regarding sugar. We urge you to continue your strong efforts to utilize the United States' antidumping and countervailing laws in response to the serious injury Mexico caused to U.S. sugar producers.

The U.S. sugar industry generates 142,000 good-paying American jobs in 22 states. Though our sugar producers are among the most efficient in the world, these American jobs were threatened, and some lost, by Mexican subsidization and dumping on the U.S. sugar market. The industry lost \$2 billion in 2013 and 2014, at the height of Mexican dumping. As a result, in 2014, the entire industry turned to U.S. antidumping and countervailing duty laws to stop dumped and subsidized Mexican sugar from further injuring American producers.

The U.S. International Trade Commission voted unanimously that the American sugar industry was being injured by dumped and subsidized Mexican sugar. The U.S. Department of Commerce found the Mexican dumping and subsidization was so severe that a combined tariff of more than 80 percent would be needed to offset Mexico's unfair trade practices.

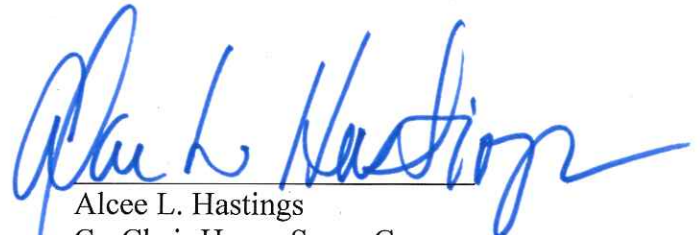
In good faith, the American sugar industry supported the Department of Commerce's effort to negotiate agreements that suspended application of these antidumping and countervailing duties in return for promises from the Mexican government and Mexican sugar industry that they would stop injuring the American sugar industry. These Suspension Agreements went into effect in December of 2014.

After two years of operation, however, the Suspension Agreements have not stopped the injury caused by dumped and subsidized Mexican sugar. To the contrary: 1) the American sugar industry has lost an additional \$2 billion dollars in revenues since the agreements went into effect, and sugar production in Hawaii has been completely shut down; 2) U.S. refined sugar prices collapsed because of continued dumping by Mexico; and 3), despite Mexican promises under the Suspension Agreements, American cane sugar refiners have not been able to source adequate supplies of raw sugar from Mexico. The U.S. Department of Commerce's efforts to renegotiate the Suspension Agreements in 2016 failed, because the Government of Mexico would not agree to the terms needed to stop Mexican dumped and subsidized sugar from continuing to injure the American sugar industry.

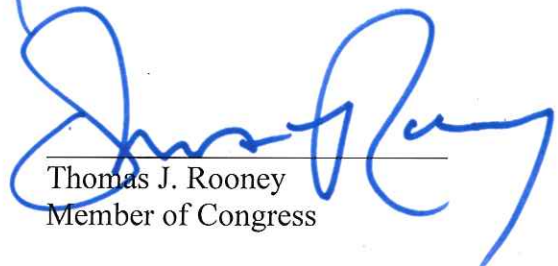
We greatly appreciate that Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross has moved quickly to re-engage the Mexican government and to solve this problem under the antidumping and countervailing duty laws. We urge your continued support of Secretary Ross' efforts on behalf of the American sugar industry and of strong enforcement of our unfair trade laws.

Sincerely,


Mike Simpson
Co-Chair House Sugar Caucus

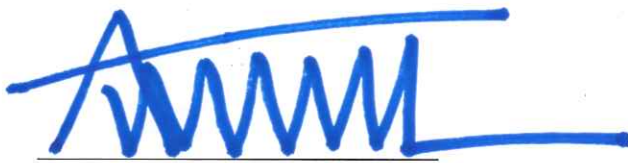

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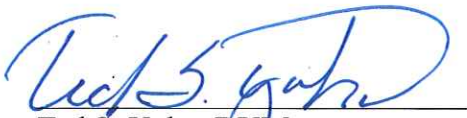

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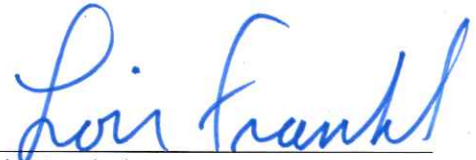

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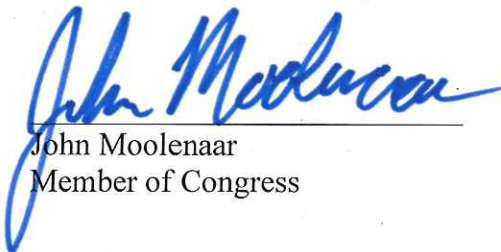
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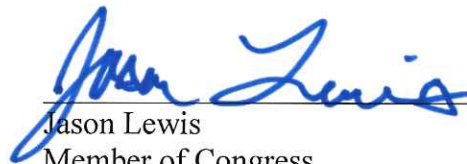
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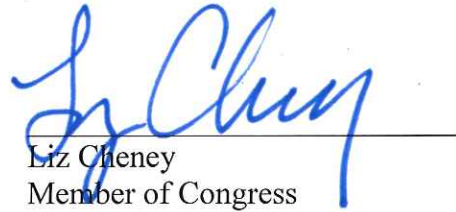
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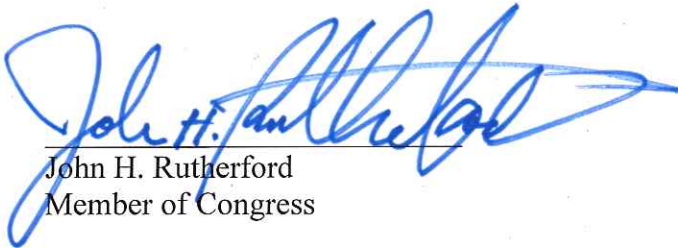
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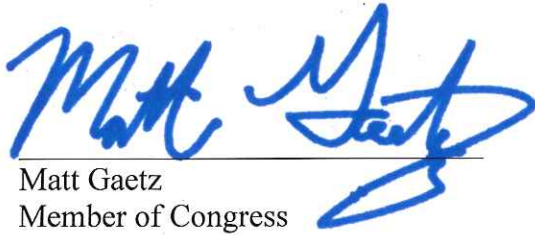
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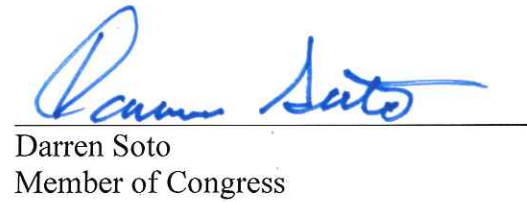


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Note the additional participants for the 10.00

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Gentlemen,

You are invited to meet with Secretary Perdue Monday May 1 at 10:00 at USDA to discuss trade issues regarding sugar, in particular the Mexico situation.

Please RSVP to Lauren Sullivan (Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov).

Thanks,

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