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**RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request 2020-RD-01160-F
Final Response**

Dear Mses. Creighton and Monahan:

This correspondence and the accompanying records constitute the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Departmental FOIA Office's (DFO) final response for FOIA request **2020-RD-01160-F**.

This correspondence also responds to the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Agriculture*, Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-03259, 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-limit provisions of the FOIA in response to American Oversight's request for the following:

All email communications (including email messages, email attachments, and calendar invitations) between (1) Rural Development Georgia State Director Joyce White or Farm Service Agency Georgia Executive Director Tas Smith and (2) any of the following individuals or entities:

- i. Any personal email accounts attributed to Secretary Sonny Perdue;
- ii. Anyone communicating from an email address ending in `perdue.pro`;
- iii. Perdue, Inc., including anyone with an email address ending in `perdueinc.com`;
- iv. Perdue Partners, including anyone with an email address ending in `perduepartners.com`;
- v. Perdue Management Holdings LLC;
- vi. Perdue Business Holdings, Inc., including Robert Tuggle and anyone with an email address ending in `dltj.com`;
- vii. Senator David Perdue or anyone from his office, including the Senator and anyone with an email ending in `perdue.senate.gov` or `perduesenate.com`; or
- viii. AGrowStar, including anyone with an email address ending in `agrowstar.com`.

Please provide all responsive records from April 24, 2017, through the date the search is conducted.

Search Efforts

A search for responsive records was conducted by 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.

A manual review of the search results was performed to identify responsive records and eliminate duplicates. Today's release is a total of 541 pages of responsive records, which are Bates Numbered 000001 to 000541.

The DFO has determined that certain information within the records should be withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(4), (5) and (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"

Exemption 4 of the FOIA protects "trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person [that is] privileged or confidential." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4). The exemption covers two distinct categories of information in federal agency records, (1) trade secrets, and (2) information that is (a) commercial or financial, and (b) obtained from a person, and (c) privileged or confidential. The Supreme Court recently addressed the definition of "confidential." *See Food Marketing Institute v. Argus Leader Media*, 139 S. Ct. 2356 (2019) ("At least where commercial or financial information is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner and provided to the government under an assurance of privacy, the information is 'confidential' within the meaning of Exemption 4."). The DFO has determined to withhold portions of emails under Exemption 4.

As an initial matter, the DFO has determined that the information marked as Exemption 4 meets the threshold because it was obtained from an external organization and an outside person. The information is commercial or financial because it relates to business products and loan applications. Finally, it is information that is customarily and actually treated as private or closely held.

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." 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(5). This language is construed to protect records that are normally privileged in the civil discovery context, including through the deliberative process privilege. As an initial matter, the information withheld meets the threshold requirement of Exemption 5 because it is contained in internal emails sent between federal employees. Where

possible, the DFO has determined to make discretionary releases of information that falls within the protection of Exemption 5.

To fall within the 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 draft briefings, recommended talking points, communications about applicants' eligibility for programs, discussions involving the handling of personnel matters, and draft responses for constituent inquiries related to grants.

If predecisional, deliberative communications were to be routinely released to the public, Executive Branch employees would be much more cautious in their discussions with each other, and in candidly discussing and providing all pertinent information and viewpoints in a timely manner to agency decision-makers. This lack of candor would seriously impair the Department's ability to engage in forthright, internal discussions necessary for efficient and proper agency decision-making.

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 that 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 are withheld under FOIA Exemption 6, including unpublished email addresses and telephone numbers, personal and identifying information about members of the public with personal inquiries related to USDA programs, personnel matters, personal details about Ms. White's family, birth dates, social events unrelated to USDA business, and information related to personal appointments and travel. The DFO is also withholding the alias email account of Secretary Perdue. All this information qualifies as "similar files" because it is information that applies to and identifies particular individuals.

Release of the unpublished telephone numbers and email addresses could subject individuals to unwarranted or unsolicited communications. Accordingly, there is a strong privacy interest in this information. In addition, individuals have a strong privacy interest in information concerning their families and personnel matters, personal information shared in response to the application of USDA programs, and personal travel and appointments. Release of this information would not shed light on agency activities; therefore, there is no public interest in release.

With regard to the Secretary's alias email accounts, the agency has a significant interest in ensuring that its officials have the capacity to safely perform a full range of official functions, including emergency operations, continuity of operations, and devolution planning and

execution. These functions could not be accomplished if public email-writing campaigns impeded communications to the email accounts from which officials operate in emergency situations. In the event of emergency, not only are alias accounts necessary for safe and efficient emergency operations, but also so that family members can reach otherwise unavailable officials. While the existence of such alias email accounts and certain content of emails released therefrom may shed light on agency functions, the actual email addresses do not in and of themselves advance a public interest—particularly when balanced against the critical interest of agency officials in maintaining safe and responsible communication with critical business contacts including those in The White House, during emergency situations and situations presenting potential national security threats. With that said, in response to records requests, it is the agency's policy to process and release responsive documents derived from searches of all agency email accounts (including alias email accounts) to the extent not otherwise exempt or prohibited by law. Furthermore, we note that the disclosure of officials' primary official email accounts serves as the most appropriate point of contact for the public and poses the least amount of risk or threat in emergency operations.

Because there is a strong privacy interest in this information and no outweighing public interest to be advanced by disclosure, Exemption 6 authorizes the DFO to withhold the information.

In light of the matter *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Agriculture*, Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-03259, 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 final response letter or the pending civil action, please contact Diana V. Valdivia, Assistant United States Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia at diana.valdivia@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,



Alexis R. Graves
Departmental FOIA Officer
Office of the General Counsel

Enclosure: Responsive Records (541 pages) (000001 to 000541)

From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: sarah_baska@perdue.senate.gov
Subject: Academy Help
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 11:47:42 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Hey Sarah! I hope you are great.

(b) (6)

See you soon somewhere I hope.

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Hayes, Jennifer \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: (b) (6)
Date: Thursday, September 19, 2019 10:19:32 AM
Attachments: [image016.png](#)
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[image020.png](#)

Good morning Jennifer:

I hope you are great.

I had a long-time friend and supporter (b) (6) call me last night with an issue that I am hoping Senator Perdue's team can help him with. (b) (6)

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Anyway, (b) (6) had an accident (b) (6) and is paralyzed. His parents are elderly and can't help lift him. He has SS Disability that pays for a caregiver who has been a God send for he and his family. Somehow DFACS is involved too and they stopped (b) (6) caregiver. (b) (6) has not been able to get in touch with his social worker and has called SS Disability and left messages, but no one has called him back.

Could you please look into this situation? (b) (6) can tell you more than I can. His e-mail address is (b) (6) He's a great guy and has handled his situation with amazing courage and optimism.

If you think there is another route I should take to help him, please let me know. I don't know anyone at DFACS anymore.

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From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: joyce.white@ga.usda.gov
Subject: Butts County to connect with
Date: Monday, January 28, 2019 3:30:44 PM

Joyce,

Good talking to you today on the phone. Glad to hear you are back at work! I met last Friday with some people in Butts County that are interested in talking to your Rural Eco Dev folks.

Catherine Jones
Executive Director, Butts Chamber of Commerce
Cell (b) (6)
Office 770-775-4839

(b) (6) [@buttschamber.com](mailto:(b) (6)@buttschamber.com)

Bob White
Executive Director, Butts County Development Authority
Cell (b) (6)
Office 770-775-4851

(b) (6) [@buttscountyida.com](mailto:(b) (6)@buttscountyida.com)

Sincerely,

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

From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Ghee, Hailey - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: (b) (6)
Date: Thursday, September 27, 2018 11:21:32 AM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)
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[image010.png](#)
[image012.png](#)

Hi Hailey: You may know who can handle this issue without the Secretary having to make calls. I think if someone could call (b) (6) from FEMA, that may help.

(b) (6). She wanted to reach Secretary Perdue regarding flooding in Fayetteville, NC. She has called me twice. She and her husband have a farm that flooded with the recent hurricane. They have no loss as other farms in the area have suffered loss of livestock and crops, but (b) (6) is wanting to know when FEMA dollars are coming. Locks Creek runs behind her farm, and it flooded the area. Locks Creek runs direct into the Cape Fear River that also flooded. The North Carolina Soil & Water Conservation has told (b) (6) they will clean the creek and the river once they have funding, so (b) (6) is anxious to see the FEMA dollars arrive.

(b) (6)

Many thanks,

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From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: City of Senoia
Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 5:01:51 PM

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

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From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: City of Villa Rica
Date: Thursday, July 18, 2019 3:17:54 PM

Joyce,

I met yesterday with Tom Barber (Villa Rica City Manager). I told him I would have your folks reach out to him.

Thanks! Hope all is well with you.

Tom Barber

(b) (6) [@villarica.org](mailto:[REDACTED]@villarica.org)

(b) (6) ell
770-459-7000 Office

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From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: City of Williamson
Date: Monday, August 5, 2019 11:03:45 AM

Joyce,

I met last week with Steve Fry, Mayor of Williamson (Pike County). I told him I would put him in touch with USDA Rural Economic Development. Could you have your folks reach out?

Mayor Steve Fry

Cell: (b) (6)

Office 770-227-8380

(b) (6) [@att.net](#)

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From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Contact Kathy Parsons
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 12:39:34 PM

Joyce,

Could you have someone to reach out to this person?

Kathy Parsons
President & CEO, Impact West Georgia

<http://www.impactwestga.org/>

Cell (b) (6)

Office 770-834-4007

(b) (6) [@impactwestga.org](#)

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From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Contacts for USDA Rural Eco Dev
Date: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 5:23:58 PM

Joyce,

Hope all is well with you! I have some new contacts I would like your office to reach out to. I met with all of them today down in Barnesville. They are all in Lamar County.

David Rose, Barnesville City Manager

(b) (6) [@cityofbarnesville.com](#)

770-358-0181 Office

(b) (6) ell

Tim Turner, Barnesville Asst. City Manager

(b) (6) [@cityofbarnesville.com](#)

(b) (6) ell

send, Lamar County Manager

(b) (6) [@lamarcountyga.com](#)

770-358-5146 Office

(b) (6) ell

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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Disaster Aid Funding Signed Into Law By President Trump
Date: Friday, June 7, 2019 8:21:20 AM

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 -----



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 6, 2019

Disaster Aid Funding Signed Into Law By President Trump

Senators Perdue & Isakson fought for months to secure critical funding for Georgians recovering from Hurricane Michael

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators David Perdue (R-GA) and Johnny Isakson (R-GA) applaud President Donald J. Trump for quickly signing into law critical disaster relief funding for Georgia and other states impacted by hurricanes, wildfires, floods and other natural disasters. Senators Perdue and Isakson have fought for months to secure disaster funding for Georgia, which was devastated by Hurricane Michael in October 2018.

“Today, President Trump fulfilled his promise to help Georgia farmers and communities rebuild after Hurricane Michael’s devastation,” **said Senator Perdue**. “Finally, Americans who were ravaged by historic floods, wildfires, and hurricanes across 12 states have certainty for the immediate future. I want to thank Senator Isakson, Governor Brian Kemp, Commissioner Gary Black, and the entire Georgia delegation for their diligent work in getting this assistance across the finish line. While it should not have taken eight months to pass this disaster relief package, this will serve as a learning experience for both sides of the aisle. Disaster relief should never be a partisan issue. The American people need to know that we will have their backs in times of need.”

“I am so grateful that the disaster relief that Georgia farmers and millions of Americans have been waiting on for so long is finally coming,” **said Senator Isakson**. “I’ve spent most of this year pressing for action, and I thank President Trump and everyone who worked to see this through. I am hopeful that this aid will be expedited to reach those who need it quickly so that Georgians can get the relief they need to rebuild their lives and livelihoods.”

The \$19.1 billion disaster relief package includes \$3 billion to provide critical agriculture disaster relief for farmers recovering in the wake of Hurricane Michael, along with additional funds for communities in Georgia and other states. The president signed the disaster relief bill today, June 6, during his trip abroad.

On May 23, Senators Perdue and Isakson secured the Senate’s approval of disaster funding for Georgia, which was devastated by Hurricane Michael in October 2018. The U.S. House of Representatives passed the legislation on June 3. The president signed the disaster relief bill today, June 6, during his trip abroad.

Background:

- In October 2018, Senators Perdue and Isakson personally [visited](#) parts of Georgia devastated by Hurricane Michael with Vice President Mike Pence and pushed for immediate federal funding. After funding was not obtained by the end of 2018, Senators Perdue and Isakson twice introduced disaster relief amendments to legislative vehicles under consideration by the Senate.
- On November 29 and 30, 2018, Senators 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](#).
- On January 31, Senators Perdue and Isakson [introduced](#) a supplemental agriculture disaster relief amendment to provide critical funding for Georgia and other states

recovering from recent hurricane and wildfire damage.

- On February 13, Senators Perdue and Isakson joined 11 other bipartisan senators in [sending](#) a letter to House and Senate leadership urging immediate action on a supplemental disaster relief package.
- On February 26, Senators Perdue and Isakson led Senators Doug Jones (D-AL), Marco Rubio (R-FL), Rick Scott (R-FL), Tim Scott (R-SC), Dan Sullivan (R-AK), and Thom Tillis (R-NC) in introducing a \$13.6 billion [disaster relief package](#) with the backing of President Trump after prior funding attempts were removed from other supplemental spending packages.
- On April 1, the Senate took votes on two amendments that would have provided funding for Georgia and other disasters, and both pieces of legislation failed to receive the necessary 60 votes to move forward.
- On April 30, Senators Perdue and Isakson led a [press conference](#) with Senators Doug Jones (D-AL), Rick Scott (R-FL), and Thom Tillis (R-NC) to continue their push for disaster aid funding and call on action by Congress.
- On May 8, Senators Perdue and Isakson sent a letter along with Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL), John Cornyn (R-TX), Thom Tillis (R-NC), Rick Scott (R-FL), Richard Burr (R-NC), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), and Ted Cruz (R-TX), [requesting the swift release of HUD Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program funds](#) to aid Georgia and other states.
- On May 14, [\\$34.88 million in funding was announced](#) for Georgia infrastructure recovery by the HUD's Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program, which was previously appropriated by Congress to respond to the 2018 natural disasters.

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: E-Connectivity Programs
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 11:54:27 PM
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[RD E-Connectivity Programs.docx](#)
[GARD E-Connectivity Packet.pdf](#)

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,

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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.

Deborah Callahan | Deborah.Callahan@usda.gov

Public Information Officer | Georgia State Office

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To: (b) (6) Secretary Perdue
Subject: FW: 2 Georgia Requests
Date: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 12:07:37 PM
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Hey Mr. Secretary: I just wanted to make you aware that Delta Air Lines thinks they have a win-win on RINS and are trying to get in to see you.

Also, Greg Leger would like to speak to you about the Watermelon Board.

I sent to Hailey last week and she is, I know, working through the proper protocol.

Lauren has not been able to work out a time for Delta yet.

(b) (6)

I am traveling all over rural Georgia! Went right by AgrowStar last week on my way to Douglas. I also had a flat on the side of I-75 in just north of Macon but nowhere near to walk to for help. I called (b) (6) and he helped me. (b) (6)

I'm headed to Heard County now.

Let me know if there is more you need me to do.

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From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 12:03 PM

To: Ghee, Hailey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Hailey.Ghee@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: **(b)(5) Deliberative Process**

Hi Hailey: I promise I try to keep a lot off of you, but the Secretary knows everyone in Georgia and since Heidi left, they only know to call me.

Two needs:

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Thank you Hailey.

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Hi Niki and Sarah. (b) (6)

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From: Baska, Sarah (Perdue) <Sarah_Baska@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 8:41 AM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <joyce.white@usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Academy Help

Happy Thursday, Joyce!

(b) (6)

On Apr 24, 2019, at 11:48 PM, White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <joyce.white@usda.gov> wrote:

Hey Sarah! I hope you are great.

(b) (6)

See you soon somewhere I hope.

JOYCE WHITE

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Subject: FW: (b)(5) Deliberative Process
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Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 11:00 PM
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Subject: (b)(5) Deliberative Process

Joyce,

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Thank you.

Kathy

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To: [Ziesenhene, Greg \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: FW: Broadband Flyer Attached
Date: Saturday, November 23, 2019 9:27:46 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
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[Flyer Print File.pdf](#)

Hey Greg: I wanted to let you know that I'm hosting a Broadband Summit at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth on December 5, beginning at 10:00 a.m. I've asked the Department of Community Affairs to partner with me since they are doing the mapping of broadband across Georgia. The Georgia EMC's will also be presenting. The Monroe County Commission is sponsoring lunch and helping promote, but I wanted to share this flyer with you in the hopes you can attend and also help get the word out to anyone you meet with who is in need of broadband.

The President made available \$600 million for broadband in 2019 and is making \$650 million available in 2020. We are getting the word out and if communities want to apply, this summit will help them know how to get started with an application. Some of the money is grant money.

Please share with who you deem appropriate.

Thanks,

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Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2019 3:47 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <joyce.white@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Broadband Flyer Attached

The flyer is attached and here is the eventbrite link:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/78406615297>

Sorry for the delay.

-Deb

Deborah Callahan, Public Information Officer
USDA Rural Development Georgia

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <joyce.white@usda.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2019 2:57 PM
To: Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA <deborah.callahan@usda.gov>
Subject: Broadband Flyer

Will you please send to me the flyer we are using to announce the broadband event? I want to send it out to State Rep Susan Holmes and State Senator John Kennedy as well as Blake Poole from the Governor's Office. Thanks,

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Mull, David - RD, Monroe, GA](#)
Subject: FW: City of Villa Rica
Date: Thursday, July 18, 2019 3:35:18 PM

Hi David: Can you designate someone to call the Mayor Barber of Villa Rica? Contact info below.
Senator David Perdue's staffer met with him, and he is interested in hearing from us.

Tom Barber

(b) (6) [@villarica.org](#)

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From: [Mull, David - RD, Monroe, GA](#)
To: [Lucas, Tamika - RD, Newnan, GA](#)
Cc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: FW: City of Villa Rica
Date: Friday, July 19, 2019 8:44:48 AM

Tamika, see e-mail below from the State Director. Please give Mayor Barber a call and let me know the results.

Thanks.
David

David Mull, CSM (R) MBA
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To: [Selph, Holly - RD, Barnesville, GA](#)
Subject: FW: City of Williamson
Date: Monday, August 5, 2019 11:54:45 AM
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FYI please reach out.

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Sent: Monday, August 5, 2019 11:04 AM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <joyce.white@usda.gov>
Subject: City of Williamson

Joyce,

I met last week with Steve Fry, Mayor of Williamson (Pike County). I told him I would put him in touch with USDA Rural Economic Development. Could you have your folks reach out?

Mayor Steve Fry
 Cell (b) (6)
 Office 770-227-8380
 (b) (6) @att.net

Sincerely,

Chris Perkins
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 3280 Peachtree St NE | Suite 2640 | Atlanta, GA 30305
 Office: 404-865-0087 Cell: (b) (6)

From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Selph, Holly - RD, Barnesville, GA](#)
Subject: FW: Contacts for USDA Rural Eco Dev
Date: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 7:23:30 PM
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Holly: Can you please call the folks listed below and just make an introduction or stop by and see them.

Also, we are doing a SBA/USDA Rural Development big outreach event on August 21 in West Point. We will see lenders at 1:00 and then open to the public at 2:00. I would like for you to come over if you can. I know this is not your area, but borders your area. We want a large presences of course. I spent all day in West Point, LaGrange and Columbus Georgia dropping in on Chambers and Rural Development Offices and banks, businesses, etc., trying to publicize for the event.

Talk to you soon.

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To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <joyce.white@usda.gov>
Subject: Contacts for USDA Rural Eco Dev

Joyce,

Hope all is well with you! I have some new contacts I would like your office to reach out to. I met with all of them today down in Barnesville. They are all in Lamar County.

David Rose, Barnesville City Manager

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Tim Turner, Barnesville Asst. City Manager

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Sincerely,

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From: [Ziesenhene, Greg \(Perdue\)](#)
To: joyce.white@ga.usda.gov; (b) (6) [@gmail.com](#)
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: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Ghee, Hailey - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: FW: FW: Message from KMBH_360
Date: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 10:27:27 AM
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More info from (b) (6) regarding flooding in Fayetteville, NC. I have told her I would pass it along.

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Subject: Fwd: FW: Message from KMBH_360

Hi Joyce,

Attached is an email with a purposed clean up of the creek (only one of several). The green is the area that was cleaned after Hurricane Matthew. The yellow and red are the areas that flooded after Matthew. I also had Mitch highlight the part of the finger creek off of Locke's Creek that butts up to our property. That's on segment 4A (in blue), the creek that is in between Division Pl and Cedar Creek Rd. He has purposed roughly \$100-150 per linear foot of clean up. He was meeting with the State Soil and Water Conservation reps today to go along several creeks in Cumberland County, not just ours. I also know that there is a meeting today with NC state legislation to open up funding for disaster areas.

Thank You,

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From: **Miller, Mitchell - NRCS, Fayetteville, NC** <Mitchell.Miller@nc.usda.gov>

Date: Mon, Oct 1, 2018 at 2:41 PM

Subject: FW: Message from KMBH_360

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This is a map that I have put together showing a section of locks creek that was in the original contract for the Stream Debris Removal with the county, as well as the potential for other segments to remove stream debris in Cumberland County.

Mitch Miller
Cumberland SWCD

From: [NRCS Fayetteville@nc.usda.gov](mailto:NRCS_Fayetteville@nc.usda.gov) <[NRCS Fayetteville@nc.usda.gov](mailto:NRCS_Fayetteville@nc.usda.gov)>

Sent: Monday, October 1, 2018 11:35 PM

To: Miller, Mitchell - NRCS, Fayetteville, NC <Mitchell.Miller@nc.usda.gov>

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To: [Stanek, Jack - RD, Athens GA](#); [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: FW: FY19 RD Operations under a CR
Date: Friday, September 28, 2018 2:55:18 PM
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Here is Joby Young's answer back to Michael Reed of Sanford Bishop's Office.

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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

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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

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To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: FW: Free business expo focused on the development of rural small businesses
Date: Friday, August 2, 2019 4:27:30 PM
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Hey Kathy! Happy Friday to you. I hope you are doing great.

I saw Senator Perdue last week at one of his fundraisers and it was so good to see him. He just makes me so proud every time I see him and hear him speak. I also got to see Ben, PJ, Chris Perkins and Derrick. It was like old times!

I wanted to let you know about an event we are co-hosting with the Small Business Administration on August 21 at the West Georgia Train Depot. There is a flyer below. This event is a resource fair for small businesses, or those thinking about a small business. The event will also serve community and county officials, development authorities, economic developers. SBA and USDA will be presenting our programs that can help communities needing a boost to survive. We financed the wastewater treatment system in West Point and the Fire Station that helped lure in the KIA plant, so that is one of the reasons we are going to West Point to present not only to West Point, but to other areas and counties in the region.

Not mentioned on this flyer, but at 1:00 that day at the depot, we will be meeting with lenders and potential lenders and bankers because a lot of times, lenders and banks work with us and we simply guarantee the loans they make to individuals. We would love to find more banks to work with.

Please help me to spread the word about this event. Feel free to share this flyer with anyone you can, and I'd love to see you there too.

Have a great weekend.

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To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <joyce.white@usda.gov>
Subject: Free business expo focused on the development of rural small businesses

Deep Masthead

Rural Strong Georgia



We're heading to Troup county next for #RuralStrong. Come see us at the West Point Depot and learn about the programs and services that can help you start or grow your business.

Join the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and many partners at this action packed event with loads of resources, information and opportunity for networking.

Don't miss out!

- Business Loan Programs SBA & USDA
- Small Business Counseling & Education
- Contracting Assistance

Free Admission!

**To register & For Program Details,
Visit:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rural-strong-west-georgia-tickets-66691765867>

Wednesday, August 21, 2019
West Point Depot
500 3rd Avenue
West Point, GA 31833
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Eastern)

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Cc: Pam Helton (b) (6) @gmanet.com>; Terrell D. Jacobs (b) (6) @gmanet.com>
Subject: GMA Rural Broadband Concurrent Session - Timed Agenda

Good afternoon,

Thank you for taking time to participate on this morning's planning call for the upcoming session entitled, "Rural Broadband: Partnerships to Succeed". As a reminder, the meeting will take place on Monday, June 24 from 9:30 – 10:45 am in Room 204-205 of the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center.

A draft agenda for the session is attached. **Please email me a brief, 2-3 sentence bio that we can include on the printed agenda, if possible by 5:00 pm on Monday, June 10.** If you will be using PowerPoint slides for your presentation, feel free to email me your PPT in advance of the session and I will have it ready to go on my laptop; alternatively, you can bring it with you to the meeting room on the 24th.

A Convention program agenda is also attached. Additionally, GMA's Annual Convention mobile app is free and available in the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store. Search "Georgia Municipal Association Events" and download for an up to the minute schedule, session descriptions, exhibitors and sponsor listings.

If you need more information or if I can assist in any way, feel free to contact me on my cell number (b) (6).

Thanks again for all you do and we look forward to seeing you in Savannah!

Becky



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Do you think **(b)(5) Deliberative Process**

(b)(5) Deliberative Process I am just thinking and asking for your thoughts.

I can do like I always do if we want, but this is a great opportunity to get out message out.

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Cc: Taylor, Reggie - RD, Athens, GA <Reggie.Taylor@ga.usda.gov>; 'Becky Taylor' **(b) (6)** @gmanet.com>
Subject: GMA-ACCG Local Government Federal Advocacy Forum

Joyce – good afternoon - thank you for agreeing to participate in the upcoming GMA-ACCG Local Government Federal Advocacy Forum. This event will take place on Thursday, November 1, 2018 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at the Anderson Conference Center, 5171 Eisenhower Parkway in Macon, Georgia.

The purpose of the forum is to encourage city and county officials to become more engaged on federal issues that impact local governments, to build good relationships with Congressional district staff as well as Georgia's Delegation Members, and to become familiar with key resources available through federal agencies. We anticipate approximately 75-100 city and county elected and appointed officials will attend the event from local governments throughout Georgia.

A tentative timed agenda is attached. During the program, we invite you to take up to 20 minutes to present information on the USDA Rural Development and how your agency can (and already are!) partner with local governments. Please feel free to bring any printed materials you would like to share with participants. If you would like to use a PowerPoint presentation, feel free to send me your slides in advance or if you prefer you can bring them on a USB drive to the event.

I will be in touch closer to the event date with additional details. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 11:27:11 AM

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Hi Jack: This request is coming from a Senator David Perdue staffer who I use to supervise.

Do you think (b)(5) Deliberative Process ?

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Let me know your thoughts. Thanks.

JOYCE WHITE

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Importance: High

Hi Mr. Secretary: (b)(5) Deliberative Process

I hope you and Ms. Mary are great.

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I appreciate you more than you realize. Thank you for all you do.

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Cc: (b) (6)@gmail.com>
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Hi Joyce,
 Thanks again for taking my call last week. (b) (6)

As promised, I have enclosed a package (b) (6), in hopes that you are able to get this information to Secretary Perdue. (b) (6)

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All the best,
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WHEN: Friday, June 7, 2019

TIME: 11:15 a.m. ET
**Media availability at 12:05 p.m. ET*

WHERE: Davis Family Farms
7861 Thigpen Trail
Doerun, Georgia 31744

Media wishing to attend should RSVP to Casey_Black@perdue.senate.gov by 5:00 p.m.
ET on Thursday, June 6.

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
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Hey Christopher: This is the release I received. It is coming out of Senator Perdue's office. If your rep has a relationship with Davis Farms, my advice is she could call them or make a call over to the Governor's Office.

I'll take notes for sure.

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Many thanks to you.

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Yes, Chris. Thank you. I'll have Dawn Pilgrim call. She is very good.

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I met someone the other day that is interested in speaking with someone at USDA about Opioid Grants. The organization is called AVPride and they have a new executive director. I referred them to your office before but with the old leadership. Could you have someone reach out to them?

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This speech is a pretty big deal. Can you please print it out for me? I need it for Thursday.

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<joycewhitetwin@icloud.com>

Subject: PRESENT on NOV 1

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To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: FW: Pecan growers
Date: Thursday, October 4, 2018 10:59:18 PM
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Kathy: Tas Smith is State Director over Farm Service Agency and so has responsibility to work with the growers. His answer is below in his e-mail. I forwarded your e-mail to him. I hope this helps.

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From: Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA
Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 5:28 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Pecan growers

Hey Joyce,

I have heard concerns from some pecan growers about not being included in MFP. However, I am not aware of any conversations to include them in the program at this time.

Hope this is helpful.

Tas

From: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 4:53:16 PM
To: "Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA" <Tas.Smith@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Pecan growers

Tas. Do you know the answer to this question? Thanks

From: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 9:30:00 AM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Pecan growers

Hi Joyce,

I have been contacted by two pecan farmers asking if pecans will be included on the MFP direct payment list in the future. The latest info I have shows direct payments for corn, cotton, soybeans, dairy, hog, wheat and a few others but not pecans.

I know there's a lot of uncertainty right now so this may be a "wait and see" situation.

Thank you Joyce.

I toured Leatherbrook Farm yesterday and met this guy!

Best always,
Kathy

Kathy Burns
Regional Representative
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To: [Selph, Holly - RD, Barnesville, GA](#)
Subject: FW: Pike County contact - Ken Gran -
Date: Monday, April 1, 2019 10:21:14 AM
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Good morning Holly. I hope today is going well for you.

I have a good relationship with Senator Perdue and his staff as I was Senator Perdue's State Director. Chris Perkins works for Senator Perdue and works your area. He is great about traveling the area, meeting with county and city officials and when he learns of a need he thinks we (USDA RD) can fill, he passes the contact along to me.

This gentleman below is one he sent me this morning. Will you please reach out to Ken Gran and see what needs Pike County has that we might can fill?

I also have spoken with a Nancy Thrash who is a Commissioner from I think Lamar County. They need an industrial water and waste system. She will be in contact with me later on if she gets buy in from the community so we may have an opportunity there. If you know Nancy, you may want to contact her to tell her what your new role is.

Thanks,

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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

(b) (6)

(b) (6) [@yahoo.com](#)

Sincerely,

Chris Perkins

Field Representative

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From: [McLeod Henry - RD Monroe GA](#)
To: [White Joyce - RD Athens GA](#)
Subject: FW: Please review (b)(5) Deliberative Process
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Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 1:59 PM
To: (b) (6) @gmail.com; claire.huse@lionbank.com; Ross, Katherine - RD, Sandersville, GA
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 <Henry.Mcleod@ga.usda.gov>; Mull, David - RD, Monroe, GA <David.Mull@ga.usda.gov>; Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens,
 GA <Deborah.Callahan@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Please review this success story for Beckel Inc. \$16,078,000 Guaranteed CF
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Kathy, Kevin, Claire, Jeff et al,

Attached is proposed success story (b)(5) Deliberative Process Please review it for accuracy
 and provide your feedback. (b)(5) Deliberative Process

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Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 3:36 PM
To: Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA <Deborah.Callahan@ga.usda.gov>
Cc: Stanek, Jack - RD, Athens GA <Jack.Stanek@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: (b)(5) Deliberative Process

Deb, can/will you please help with this?

Kathy

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 Area Director, Sandersville Area Office
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Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 3:27 PM

To: Ross, Katherine - RD, Sandersville, GA <katherine.ross@ga.usda.gov>

Cc: Stanek, Jack - RD, Athens GA <Jack.Stanek@ga.usda.gov>; Peiffer, Karla - RD, Washington, DC

<karla.peiffer@wdc.usda.gov>

Subject: (b)(5) Deliberative Process

Hi Kathy, (b)(5) Deliberative Process

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Joseph

From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Jones, Evette - RD, Newnan, GA](#)
Subject: FW: Polk County AG Center
Date: Thursday, February 14, 2019 3:54:21 PM
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Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 9:20 AM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>; Matt Denton
 (b) (6) @polkga.org>
Cc: Laura Robinson (b) (6) @bellsouth.net>; Jeffrey Hawkins <jhawkins@polk.k12.ga.us>
Subject: Polk County AG Center

Good Morning Joyce,

It was great to meet you yesterday at the Georgia Farm Bureau luncheon. We look forward to working with you in the near future as we continue to work hard to build our proposed Agriculture Center in Polk County.

I have attached a copy of our business plan and the proposal we submitted to the county commissioners for your review. We would like for you to come and speak to our commissioners about the value it would add to our county and help us retain the funds to accomplish our dreams. Once you have had time to review the documents, I will set up a meeting at everyone's convenience.

We have also had the University of Georgia do a feasibility study, which was very positive but the scope of the study was greater than our vision and goals. We made these adjustments in the proposal to adequately address income and expenses.

Again, it was nice to finally get to meet you and I hope we will see you often in the future. We look forward to your visit and working with you and your staff.

Best regards,

Glenn

From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Hayes, Andrew - RD, Jacksonville, FL](#)
Subject: FW: Quick Question
Date: Friday, August 9, 2019 3:27:26 PM
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Andy: Jennifer use to report to me at Senator Perdue's Office and is a great person to know. I'm sure you can help her.

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Sent: Friday, August 9, 2019 2:08 PM

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

Subject: Quick Question

Hey Joyce,

I hope you are doing well! (b) (6)

I was in a meeting this morning and got many questions about rural broadband grants and communities being denied based on the definition of rural.

I was hoping to connect this gentleman to someone who could speak more intelligently about this than I can.

I think they are just trying to understand this definition as it negatively impacts so many communities.

Do you have a good point of contact that I could connect him with? Thank you so much in advance!

Hate to bother you. I know you're busy!

Jennifer Hayes

Director of Constituent Services

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Mull, David - RD, Monroe, GA](#)
Subject: FW: Reach out to Senoia City Manager
Date: Thursday, May 9, 2019 12:03:11 PM
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David: will you please have someone reach out to the City Manager of Senoia? This area may or may not be rural. I'm not sure. It is Coweta County, so area 1. Thanks.

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Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2019 11:45 AM

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

Subject: Reach out to Senoia City Manager

Joyce,

I spoke with the City Manager of Senoia (Coweta) this morning. They are having issues with their sewer/water system and would like to speak to someone in Rural Economic Development.

Harold Simmons

Senoia City Manager

(b) (6) ell

770-599-3679 Office

hsimmons@senoia.com

Also got an email this morning from Temple City Manager thanking me for putting them in touch with you (USDA called them this morning). Thanks for quick turn around!

Sincerely,

Chris Perkins

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From: [Ziesenhene, Greg \(Perdue\)](#)
To: joyce.white@ga.usda.gov; (b) (6) @gmail.com; Martha Zoller; martha.zoller@georgia.gov
Subject: FW: SURPRISE (b) (6) retiring, March 1st)
Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019 12:24:19 AM

FYI

From: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue)
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 5:42 PM
Subject: SURPRISE

Hi Everyone,
 As you know, (b) (6) will be retiring at the end of the month. We are planning a surprise farewell lunch on Monday, February 25 at 12:30 in the Atlanta office. If you're in the area, please join us to wish her well and to thank her for her service! She will be missed! Let me know if you have any questions. **Don't forget this is a surprise for her!** Thanks, Jennifer

Subject: Congratulations (b) (6)

Team, Just wanted to let you know that (b) (6) will be retiring at the end of this month. As all of you know, (b) (6) has been a critical component of our team and a tireless advocate for Georgia veterans during her time working for Senator Perdue and before that for Congressman Phil Gingrey. I hope you'll join me in congratulating (b) (6) on her well-deserved retirement and thanking her for her service. She will certainly be missed! Thanks, Ben

From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: FW: Touch Base - Quick Phone Call re 21st Century Partners
Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018 4:17:48 PM
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From: Buckman, Emily - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 8:03 AM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Touch Base - Quick Phone Call

Thanks Joyce. I'm actually in Knoxville today with Anne so we can always try tomorrow if we can't connect today.

Emily

From: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 10:46:01 PM
To: "Buckman, Emily - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Emily.Buckman@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Touch Base - Quick Phone Call

Hi Emily. I have been on the road all day and just getting to emails. I have a breakfast meeting tomorrow morning and then two conf calls and a webinar added to my schedule tomorrow that I wasn't really expecting. I will try to call you in between the breakfast and the calls. (b)(5) Deliberative Process

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks

Joyce

From: "Buckman, Emily - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Emily.Buckman@osec.usda.gov>
Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 10:24:52 AM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Touch Base - Quick Phone Call

Joyce-

I hope you are doing well. I don't believe we got to meet last week when everyone is in town, but I wanted to touch base with you about **(b)(5) Deliberative Process**

[REDACTED]. Let me know if there is a good time to chat today.

Thanks!

Emily



Emily Buckman

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Mull, David - RD, Monroe, GA](#)
Subject: FW: Town of Moreland Mayor
Date: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:10:06 PM
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Hey David: I hope you are okay. (b) (6)

Will you please have someone reach out to the Mayor of Moreland and see what his interests are or let him know what programs RD has that may help his town of Moreland. His contact info is below. Thanks so much,

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Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:53 PM

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

Subject: Town of Moreland Mayor

Joyce,

Can you have your folks reach out to Moreland Mayor Dick Ford (Coweta County). I met with him last week and he is interested in what USDA Rural Economic Development could do for his town. Thanks!

Mayor Dick Ford

(b) (6) @gmail.com

Cell (b) (6)

Sincerely,

Chris Perkins

Field Representative

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To: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
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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.

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From: Pilgrim, Dawn - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 11:32 AM
To: tamimorris@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

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To: [Jones, Evette - RD, Newnan, GA](#)
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I also sent our pamphlet to chamber director and development authority director of Butts County. I'll let you know if anything comes of it.

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From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 3:47 PM
To: Bob White (b) (7)(A)@buttscountyida.com>
Cc: catherinejones@buttschamber.com
Subject: RE: USDA, Rural Development Program Information Sheet

Well then you probably do know our programs. We do have some grant money as well. Butts should qualify as rural where Henry County won't except there is a some area in Locust Grove that qualifies.

Please feel free to let me know if you see a way we may be able to help. This current administration has put a large emphasis on "Rural America" and I very much would like for Georgia's rural areas to benefit.

On a personal note, (b) (6)

I'm sure our paths have crossed.

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Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 3:40 PM

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

Cc: catherinejones@buttschamber.com

Subject: Re: USDA, Rural Development Program Information Sheet

Joyce,

Thanks to Chris for making the introduction, and a special thanks to you for providing the program information. I was the executive director of the Henry County Development Authority for 20 years but, except for a short while with the City of Hampton, we didn't qualify for many USDA Rural Development programs. It is good to know what's out there, and I'll definitely reach out to you if I have any questions.

Bob



Bob White, CEcD

Executive Director (Interim)

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On Tue, Jan 29, 2019 at 3:33 PM White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov> wrote:

Hello Executive Director Jones and Executive Director White:

Senator David Perdue's field rep, Chris Perkins, requested I reach out to you, and I am more than happy to do so.

I am the State Director for USDA Rural Development in Georgia. Rural Development exists to help rural communities. We are basically a large bank that supplies long term, low interest loans to communities to help them develop economically. We can help with water systems, sewer systems and improve infrastructure in order to bring in business. We can provide funding to build clinics, hospitals, schools, libraries, child development centers, nursing homes, hotels, etc. We can provide loans to entrepreneurs. We can provide loans to grow and expand business. We love to fund projects that provide jobs to a community.

We have USDA housing loans for families who are low income. We also have a multi-family home program.

I have attached a brochure that lists our programs. If you have questions or if you already know the needs of your community and want to see if Rural Development can help, please feel free to call me or e-mail me back. I would very much enjoy meeting with you or talking with you. Thank you for all you do to serve Butts County.

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: FW: Will Harris
Date: Monday, September 24, 2018 3:35:39 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
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[image006.png](#)
[FY 2018 RD VAPG Awards.xlsx](#)

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.

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Cc: [Taylor, Jacqueline - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: FW: speech for November 1 to GMA and ACCG
Date: Monday, October 29, 2018 10:53:21 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)
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From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Sunday, October 28, 2018 10:45 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>; Taylor, Jacqueline - RD, Athens, GA <Jacqueline.Taylor@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: speech for November 1 to GMA and ACCG

Hey Lea. I hope your weekend was great.

Will you please print out 2 of these? I'd rather they not be front and back please. I need to
 Thanks.

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From: [Ziesenhene, Greg \(Perdue\)](#)
To: joyce.white@qa.usda.gov (b) (6) [@gmail.com](#)
Subject: FYI: Subject: (b) (6)
Date: Friday, December 14, 2018 11:59:42 AM

Subject: RE: Health Issues for (b) (6)

(b) (6)

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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Eddie Watson](#); [Chattco FAMILY CONNECTION](#); [Dot Bass](#); [John Greene](#); [Carolyn McKinley](#); [Carolyn Wright](#)
Bcc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Fight Fraud Worksoop
Date: Monday, June 24, 2019 8:34:10 AM
Attachments: [Fight Fraud Flyer\(5\).pdf](#)

Hello,

Senator Perdue's office will host a "Fight Fraud Workshop" on Friday, June 28, 2019, at the Columbus Public Library.

Please feel free to share this flyer. We hope you can attend.

Thank you.
Very Respectfully,
Kathy Burns

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
 To: (b) (6)
 Subject: Secretary Perdue
 Date: Sunday, October 14, 2018 5:54:58 PM

Hey Mr. Secretary. I hope you are well. I hope Ms. Mary and the rest are well too.

I'm sorry I missed you in Cordele. I had written Hailey to inquire of your Expo plans, and she forwarded to Lauren. I checked again this past Wednesday bc I was hearing about your possible travel to Georgia from Sanford Bishop's office

This is (b) (6) writing below. He is looking for any position you may have available that would assist growers. I will do anything you need me to do with this request. I hate to bother you with kind of stuff.

See you soon.
 Joyce

From: (b) (6) @icloud.com" (b) (6) @icloud.com>
 Date: Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 12:27:54 PM
 To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>

Joyce,

(b) (6)

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: pi_waldrop@perdue.senate.gov
Subject: Fwd: Community Prosperity Summit - Atlanta GA
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2019 10:09:24 PM
Attachments: [image016.png](#)
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[image018.png](#)
[image020.png](#)
[image021.png](#)

Hi PJ. Mike Beatty is asking if the Senator will be in State on June 25 and if so, could he drop in on the Community Prosperity Summit. This Summit is being lead by Mike Beatty who reports to Secretary Perdue and headed up the Department of Community Affairs for Governor Perdue. I mentioned this to the Senator when we were in Doerun and of course he was interested but I didn't have the details. Mike had just asked me to mention it to him.

The Summit will be attended by Mayors, City Officials, County Commissioners, Church pastors and community leaders who are looking for ways to help their communities.

Best time for larger crowd would be 8:00 am or 12 noon on June 25 when the Summit will have general sessions.

Location is the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Airport, 1325 Virginia Avenue, Atlanta. They are anticipating over 300 attendees all from around the state.

Purpose of the Summit is to help pull resources together and form alliances to bring economic prosperity to cities across Georgia.

Please let me know. Thanks.

Joyce White
 Cell (b) (6) .

From: "Zulko, Bryan - OPPE, Washington, DC" <bryan.zulko@usda.gov>
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 3:47:44 AM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <joyce.white@usda.gov>
Cc: "Taylor, Reggie - RD, Athens, GA" <reggie.taylor@usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Community Prosperity Summit - Atlanta GA

Good morning Joyce,

I will give you a call today on your cell below. The simple response is, we will HAPPILY give Senator Perdue any speaking time that fits his schedule. The best bang for the buck is either the opening session during the welcome, I figure you could introduce him before or after the leadership welcome. Or have him bring remarks at the beginning of lunch. So at 8am on the 25th or at 12 during lunch.

From: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <joyce.white@usda.gov>
Date: Friday, June 21, 2019 at 5:47:35 PM
To: "Zulko, Bryan - OPPE, Washington, DC" <bryan.zulko@usda.gov>
Cc: "Taylor, Reggie - RD, Athens, GA" <reggie.taylor@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Community Prosperity Summit - Atlanta GA

Bryan: Mike Beatty asked me to check and see if Senator David Perdue could speak to the Community Prosperity Summit, but I don't know enough about the schedule to tell him a time that would work. Mike had said that if the Senator could speak, he would just make it work. As I look at the agenda, it looks like everyone is together at 8:00 in the mornings for a kickoff, but then people move into break out sessions.

I have mentioned this event to the Senator, but I will need to work out specifics with his scheduler to see IF they can make it work.

First of all, I need to know from you specific times to suggest to the scheduler where everyone would be assembled in one place so that he could address them.

Thanks

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From: Zulko, Bryan - OPPE, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2019 1:11 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <joyce.white@usda.gov>; (b) (6) @gmail.com; DWills@ACCG.org; terry@mathews-maxwell.com; acarter@georgia.org; lhanson@gmanet.com; bwallace@gmanet.com; Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA <tas.smith@usda.gov>; Rudolph, Terrance - NRCS, Athens, GA <terrance.rudolph@usda.gov>
Cc: Beatty, Mike - OPPE, Washington, DC <mike.beatty@usda.gov>; Cordova, Alex - RD, Washington, DC <alex.cordova@usda.gov>; Groskreutz, Chris - NRCS, Athens, GA <chris.groskreutz@usda.gov>; Taylor, Reggie - RD, Athens, GA <reggie.taylor@usda.gov>; Brooks, Rodney - FSA, Leesburg, GA <rodney.brooks@usda.gov>
Subject: Community Prosperity Summit - Atlanta GA

Good Morning,

Thank you for your email and for your interest in the summits. All great questions, I have attached additional documents that provide more information for participating subject matter experts and a bit more detail regarding the agenda and flow. We are so excited to have you and your community partners participate June 25-26th.

The goals of the summit broadly are to conduct a LEAD (leadership in economic alliance development) training for invited USDA partners and community based organizations. On the morning of the first day we will have an opening session where USDA leadership and personnel speak about respective agencies and special initiatives, and where we highlight partners and illustrative examples of success leveraging our programs. We provide in-depth training on fostering hope and opportunity, wealth creation, and asset building.

The rest of the summit will consist of break outs facilitated by extension personnel regarding the respective LEAD curriculum. The intended stakeholders are broadly representative of all if OPPE's underserved stakeholders, including grantees of the Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers program, 1890s LGUs, Hispanic Serving Institutions, 1994 tribal colleges, Veteran serving organizations, as well as designated Communities of faith and Opportunity. If you have suggestions for community partners or community based organizations **please let us know** and we will be sure to get them invitations as soon as possible.

The summits will also feature additional information about the Centers of Community Prosperity initiative; attached you will find the Community of Opportunity Playbook. While the summits are standalone workshops intended for OPPE stakeholders and community partners as described above, local prosperity councils will be highlighted and discussed as examples of local economic alliances that can be created to further rural prosperity. Please take time out to review the link below, it has all of our Summit documents. Once again, you **MUST REGISTER**, so that we have an accurate count for food and lodging.

[Summit Materials Link](#)

Atlanta Registration Link: June 6th deadline

<http://srdc.msstate.edu/prosperity-summit/atlanta.html>

Hotel Information

Crowne Plaza Atlanta Airport
1325 Virginia Ave
Atlanta, GA 30344

Please e-mail or call my cell at (b) (6) with any additional questions.

God Bless,

BJZ



Bryan J. Zulko

National Director- Communities of Faith & Opportunity
United States Department of Agriculture
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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Joyce White](#)
Subject: Fwd: Hello!
Date: Thursday, September 20, 2018 12:24:49 PM

Subject: Hello!

Subject: Fwd: Hello and Congratulations

Hi Joyce,

I hope you are doing well! I received this question from a Constituent regarding a yearly list of recipients of USDA grants in Georgia. Would you happen to have access to that?

Keep cool out there!
Thank you
Kathy

"BY THE WAY, MS. BURNS, HAS THE LIST OF THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENTS BEEN PUBLISHED?

I'D LIKE TO SEE IT WHEN IT IS PUBLIC.

WILL."

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



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

From: Will Harris **(b) (6)** @whiteoakpastures.com>
Date: 9/17/18 4:01 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Hello and Congratulations

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. BURNS.

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE COUNTY. I BELIEVE THAT CLAY COUNTY HAS THE HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE STATE.

WE HAVE 155 EMPLOYEES, WHICH I THINK MAKES US THE LARGEST FULL TIME EMPLOYER IN THE COUNTY. MORE IMPORTANTLY, OUR AVERAGE EMPLOYEE EARNED ALMOST TWICE THE COUNTY'S AVERAGE ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL INCOME LAST YEAR.

I HOPE THAT YOU, AND MAYBE EVEN SENATOR PERDUE, WILL VISIT US SOMETIMES. WE HAVE ON FARM LODGING AND AN ON FARM RESTAURANT. WE WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOU WHAT WE DO.

I APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE TODAY.

WILL.

On Mon, Sep 17, 2018 at 3:22 PM, Burns, Kathy (Perdue)
<Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov> wrote:

Hello Mr. Harris,

I represent Senator Perdue in Clay County and want to reach out to congratulate White Oak Pastures

on the grant you have been approved for from USDA Rural Development. White Oak Pastures provides

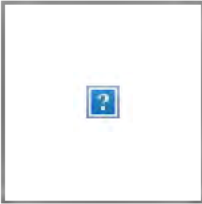
many jobs in Clay County and this grant will benefit the entire community.

If I can ever be of assistance to you on behalf of Senator Perdue, please let me know.

Congratulations again.

Very Respectfully,

Kathy Burns



Kathy Burns

West Central Georgia Regional Representative

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WILL HARRIS

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Fwd: Pecan growers
Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 4:53:08 PM

Tas. Do you know (b)(5) Deliberative Process? Thanks

From: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 9:30:00 AM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Pecan growers

Hi Joyce,

I have been contacted by two pecan farmers asking if pecans will be included on the MFP direct payment list in the future. The latest info I have shows direct payments for corn, cotton, soybeans, dairy, hog, wheat and a few others but not pecans.

I know there's a lot of uncertainty right now so this may be a "wait and see" situation.

Thank you Joyce.

I toured Leatherbrook Farm yesterday and met this guy!

Best always,
Kathy

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



From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Joyce White](#)
Subject: Fwd: Senator David Perdue Tours Kia Manufacturing Plant In West Point
Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 2:27:56 PM

So great to see you!!

Kathy

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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

From: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: 8/20/19 6:27 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Senator David Perdue Tours Kia Manufacturing Plant In West Point

Hello,

I would like to share Senator Perdue's Press Release below about his visit to Kia yesterday.

Thank you.

Very Respectfully,
Kathy Burns

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone



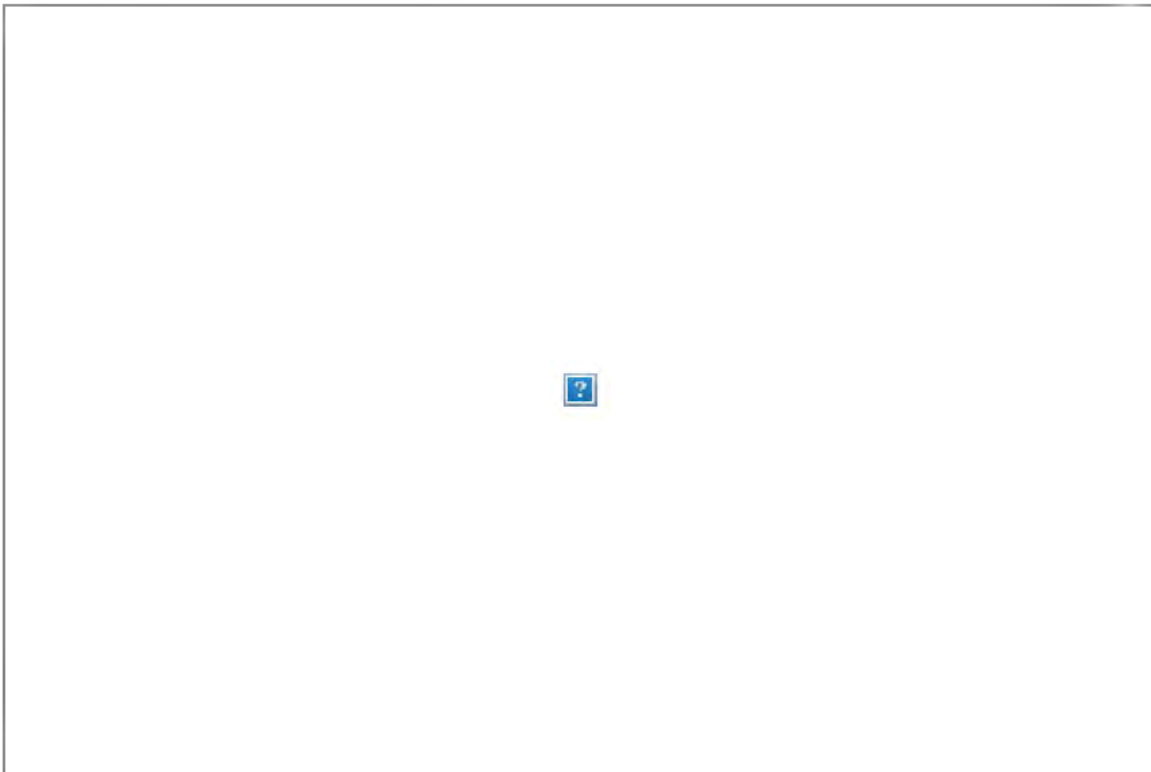
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 19, 2019

Senator David Perdue Tours Kia Manufacturing Plant In West Point

“In just ten years, Kia has made a remarkable impact on the state of Georgia and the West Point community.”

WEST POINT, GA – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA) today toured the Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia (KMMG) facility in West Point. This facility is the only Kia manufacturing plant in the United States and the only automaker in Georgia.

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



“In just ten years, Kia has made a remarkable impact on the state of Georgia and the West Point community,” **said Senator Perdue**. “Kia supports thousands of jobs across our state, and their employees are some of the best in the business. Their commitment to workforce development is extremely impressive. By partnering with local school systems and college and career academies, Kia is helping develop a pipeline of highly-skilled technicians and engineers. Kia has also been able to open up global markets for American-made goods

through Georgia's ports. I am proud KMMG calls Georgia home and appreciate their significant contributions to our state's economy."

"Since the announcement that Kia was coming to Georgia, we have been privileged to have a very positive and productive relationship with our home state," **said Jangsoo (Jason) Shin, KMMG's President and CEO.** "We were proud to showcase our facilities to Senator Perdue today and appreciate his leadership in the United States Senate and here in the state of Georgia. Senator Perdue has been a longtime supporter of KMMG and we thank him and the entire state of Georgia for being so welcoming to Kia during our first decade of production."

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

From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Joyce White](#)
Subject: Fwd: Tweet from David Perdue (@sendavidperdue)
Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 6:04:26 PM

Hi Joyce,

It was so wonderful to see you today! I was too slow with my camera so I missed a photo during your discussion but managed to get this one.

Safe travels and my best to you!!

Kathy

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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

From: Kathy Burns (b) (6) @aol.com>
Date: 8/21/19 5:40 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Tweet from David Perdue (@sendavidperdue)

David Perdue (@sendavidperdue) tweeted at 5:32 PM on Wed, Aug 21, 2019:
#TeamPerdue attended a #RuralStrong event in West Point to learn how to better support & develop rural small businesses. Thanks to @RD_Georgia and @SBA_Georgia for putting on events like these & advocating for our rural communities! <https://t.co/nBAoDJ9Vry>
(<https://twitter.com/sendavidperdue/status/1164289069557456902?s=02>)

Get the official Twitter app at <https://twitter.com/download?s=13>

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Droid

From: [Baska, Sarah \(Perdue\)](#)
To: Joyce.white@ga.usda.gov
Subject: Fwd: USDA Grant help
Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 10:32:01 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image007.png](#)

Hey Joyce,

Hope all is well on your end. I've been missing you! I'm sure you've heard, but we've got another round of changes here in the state office.

I have a favor to ask. I was able to help Katheryne with her SAMS login issue, but she still has some questions regarding the application for a block grant that I just don't have the answers to.

Could you steer me to the right person at USDA RD for her to contact or have them reach out to Katheryne directly? An guidance you could give would be very much appreciated.

Thank you!

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Fields, Katheryne" (b) (6) <[REDACTED]@sctech.edu>
Date: March 13, 2019 at 10:04:47 AM EDT
To: "sarah_baska@perdue.senate.gov>" <sarah_baska@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: USDA Grant help

Sarah,

I am having a lot of frustrations trying to apply for the 2019 USDA RBDG grant. Is that something you can assist me with?

First, I have been unsuccessful in attempting to logon to sam.gov and I cannot get a 2019 grant application. I have a 2018.

At any rate, I know it is due this month and have a project I'd like to submit. The overwhelming amount of paper work is intimidating and I don't have a clue how to answer some of the forms. Please advise.

Katheryne A. Fields
 Director
 Institutional Advancement

Southern Crescent Technical College
 Griffin Campus
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 Griffin, GA 30223



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From: (b) (6) OSEC, Washington, DC Secretary Perdue
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
Subject: Fwd: Watermelon Board Follow-Up
Date: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 2:26:15 PM

(b)(5) Deliberative Process You can let Greg know.
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From: Hoskins, Dudley - OSEC, Washington, DC <dudley.hoskins@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 1:08 PM
To: (b) (6) - OSEC, Washington, DC Secretary Perdue
Cc: Ibach, Greg - OSEC, Washington, DC; Starling, Raymond - OSEC, Washington, DC; Miller, Carly - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: Watermelon Board Follow-Up

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Mr. Secretary:

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Sir, please advise if you would like any additional information at this time. - dudley

From: [Bowen, Kathleen](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Cc: ["Taylor, Reggie - RD, Athens, GA"; "Becky Taylor"](#)
Subject: GMA-ACCG Local Government Federal Advocacy Forum
Date: Thursday, September 27, 2018 2:17:02 PM
Attachments: [Agenda GMA-ACCG Federal Advocacy Day \(with times\).docx](#)

Joyce – good afternoon - thank you for agreeing to participate in the upcoming GMA-ACCG Local Government Federal Advocacy Forum. This event will take place on Thursday, November 1, 2018 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at the Anderson Conference Center, 5171 Eisenhower Parkway in Macon, Georgia.

The purpose of the forum is to encourage city and county officials to become more engaged on federal issues that impact local governments, to build good relationships with Congressional district staff as well as Georgia's Delegation Members, and to become familiar with key resources available through federal agencies. We anticipate approximately 75-100 city and county elected and appointed officials will attend the event from local governments throughout Georgia.

A tentative timed agenda is attached. During the program, we invite you to take up to 20 minutes to present information on the USDA Rural Development and how your agency can (and already are!) partner with local governments. Please feel free to bring any printed materials you would like to share with participants. If you would like to use a PowerPoint presentation, feel free to send me your slides in advance or if you prefer you can bring them on a USB drive to the event.

I will be in touch closer to the event date with additional details. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Kathleen Bowen

ACCG - Advancing Georgia's Counties

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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Georgia Congressional Delegation Requests Expedited Emergency Declaration Approval For Georgia
Date: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 12:20:12 PM

Hello,

I want to share the Press Release below from Senator Isakson and Senator Perdue.

Please be safe.
Very Respectfully,
Kathy Burns

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



----- Original message



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 10, 2018

CONTACTS:

Georgia Congressional Delegation Requests Expedited Emergency Declaration Approval For Georgia

*Entire delegation sends bipartisan letter to President Trump
urging immediate action to ensure timely aid for Georgians*

impacted by Hurricane Michael

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators Johnny Isakson (R-GA) and David Perdue (R-GA), along with the entire Georgia congressional delegation, write to President Donald Trump to request expedited emergency resources to aid counties in Georgia expected to be impacted by Hurricane Michael. Earlier this morning, Hurricane Michael was upgraded to a Category 4 storm and is expected to bring damaging winds, rain and flooding throughout the Southeast.

On Tuesday, October 9, based on the latest forecast for Hurricane Michael and acting on a recommendation from Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency officials, Georgia Governor Nathan Deal issued an [emergency declaration for 92 Georgia counties](#), making all state resources available to local governments and entities within the impacted area of the hurricane.

“We write in full support of Governor Nathan Deal’s request for an emergency declaration for the state of Georgia in anticipation of Hurricane Michael,” **wrote the members.** “As the current projections indicate, this major hurricane will significantly impact Georgia communities, and we urge you to approve requests to ensure that full federal resources are made available for counties currently under the declaration and those that may be determined to be in need of emergency federal assistance in the coming days.”

On October 9, Senators Isakson and Perdue [urged Georgians](#) to heed officials’ warnings and take safety precautions ahead of Hurricane Michael’s landfall.

Click [here](#) for full text of the Georgia congressional delegation’s letter.

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: pi_waldrop@perdue.senate.gov
Cc: [Fry, Ben \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Good Afternoon - Request for Birthday Letter
Date: Friday, June 21, 2019 2:22:24 PM
Attachments: [image016.png](#)
[image017.png](#)
[image019.png](#)
[image020.png](#)

Hi PJ: I'm not sure who for Senator Perdue processes "greetings" letters, so I am sending the request to you. Carol McQueen, who was at the Henry County Farm Bureau meeting Monday night, texted me asking if Senator Perdue could send a "Happy Birthday" letter to the lady (below) who will be turning 104 years old on July 8. I'm copying Ben, because he knows Carol McQueen.



Thanks so much. Let me know if I can ever help you.

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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Joyce White](#)
Subject: Hello!
Date: Monday, December 2, 2019 11:44:08 AM

Hi Joyce!

I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving.

Dr. Shirley Green-Reese, Stockade Girls Americus, GA is requesting a contact from Secretary Perdue's office. She said she was appointed to a committee by Secretary Perdue when he was the Governor.

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Thank you Joyce!
Kathy

Kathy Burns
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Atlanta, Georgia 30303

From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Hayes, Jennifer \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Help For Missionary Family in Haiti
Date: Monday, February 18, 2019 9:11:12 AM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)
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[image010.png](#)
[image012.png](#)

Hey Jennifer: (b) (6) I know you are super busy!

I also today is a holiday for all of us Federal workers So please don't feel an urgency to answer today. This case may be one that Annette works. I can't remember, but I got a call today from the

(b) (6)

This morning, (b) (6) called me to see if he could get some help for a family of missionaries in Haiti. Here is the scenario.:

(b) (6)

Do you think we can help this family and if so, what information is needed? (b) (6)

(b) (6) still lives here in LaGrange and can provide necessary information. (b) (6)

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Please let me know your thoughts.

Joyce White

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To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Info for Christy on College in WR
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2019 3:51:47 PM
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[image006.png](#)

Something to share with Christy for Aaron:

Central Georgia Technical College and Robins Air Force Base Partnership

On April 5th Central Georgia Technical College (CGTC) and Robins Air Force Base announced a first of its kind partnership at the former Boeing manufacturing facility at the Middle Georgia Regional Airport. CGTC will run their aviation program out of the old Boeing building and they will be joined by the base's 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group. Senator David Perdue, Governor Brian Kemp, Assistant Secretary of Defense Robert McMahon, Brig. Gen. John C. Kubinec, Mayor Robert Reichert and CGTC'S President Ivan Allen were in attendance, as well as 450 other notable Middle Georgians. This partnership also includes Macon-Bibb county and the State of Georgia. This partnership will work to build the workforce pipeline, not only for Robins Air Force Base, but for industries throughout the state of Georgia.

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To: [Bush, Andy](#)
Subject: Invitation for August 21 to West Point Train Depot
Date: Thursday, July 25, 2019 3:05:26 PM
Attachments: [image035.png](#)
[image036.png](#)
[image038.png](#)
[image039.png](#)
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Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 4:18 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <joyce.white@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Broadband

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Hope all is well with you too! See you soon.

Andy

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Thanks so much Andy. Take care of yourself.

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Subject: Invitation for August 21 to West Point Train Depot
Date: Monday, August 19, 2019 1:17:04 PM
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Hi Andy: I wanted to touch base again with you concerning our event this Wednesday, August 21, at the Train Depot in West Point from 2:00 to 4:00. We have some media planning to attend, so I wanted you to be aware. I'm copying Deborah Callahan on this e-mail. She is our Public Information Officer and can elaborate if needed. The media we are certain about are print media.

Any time that he can drop in is appreciated. We will turn the microphone over to him when he walks in the door! Could I please have a bio so I could introduce him properly when he arrives?

I know Congressman Ferguson was very involved in working with Rural Development in an effort to build the fire station and the water and waste system needed to lure Kia into West Point. He is no stranger to working with our programs.

PURPOSE: This is a resource fair designed to allow Rural Development and the Small Business Administration to showcase their products. Administrator of SBA, Ashley Bell, will be there along with his SBA staff with the purpose of making rural communities aware of the different loan and grant programs we have available to assist their communities. We (Rural Development) has 40 plus loan and grant products ranging from housing to water and waste and to loans for libraries, nursing homes, medical centers, schools, firehouses, etc. There will be other resource tables set up by other vendors who want to help grow rural areas too.

ATTENDEES: We have over 100 registered to attend. This is a regional event. The attendees/audience are entrepreneurs, lenders, mortgage companies, community leaders, economic developers, county officials, etc.

LASTLY: Our expert in Broadband (Andy Hayes copied above) will be present to discuss broadband with the Congressman. If the Congressman does not wish to discuss on Wednesday, please let me know so Andy can continue on to his next meeting.

If you have questions, please let me know. My personal cell is (b) (6).

Thank you,

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To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <joyce.white@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation for August 21 to West Point Train Depot

Wow, that is right up his alley, literally (b) (6). As you know, he was the Mayor of West Point for ten years, when most of that was taking place. He could probably do a commercial for y'all on the programs. I just sent this to our DC based scheduler to run by Drew and our Chief of Staff. He will be in Jackson Hole, Wyoming with GOP Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy from Monday to Wednesday that week (8/19-8/21), but I'm not sure exactly what time he's returning on the 21st. I will get an answer to you as soon as I can.

As for the Broadband discussion, we'd love to schedule that in August some time if we can. Are there any dates you'll be in our area or in Atlanta where we could meet you part of the way?

I remember you well and I'm sorry I haven't reached out sooner to discuss scheduling. He's been working on several fronts at state and federal level in regards to broadband. I believe he had breakfast with your boss, Secretary Sonny, recently. I'm sure he'd love to discuss his actions and get up dates and learn more about how the Reconnect program and other USDA initiatives are going in the state.

Thanks again!

Andy

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Joyce White Bio
Date: Sunday, April 7, 2019 11:29:08 PM
Attachments: [Joyce White Bio.docx](#)

Hi Deb: I have a speaking engagement April 26 at Suntrust Bank. (b)(5) Deliberative Process

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Thanks,
Joyce

From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Boswell, Maxine](#)
Cc: [McClamma, Sheila](#)
Subject: Joyce White Bio
Date: Monday, April 8, 2019 8:04:25 AM
Attachments: [Joyce White Bio.docx](#)

Hi Max: Here is my bio that you were requesting for our time together on April 26 at 11:30. Thank you and please let me know if there is anything else you need from me. I'm sure we will be in touch before the 26th.

Thanks,
Joyce

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To: [Jessica Perdue](#)
Subject: Loan Issue- (b) (6)
Date: Monday, April 1, 2019 11:57:02 AM
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Hey Jessica! (b) (6)

(b) (6)

I think maybe a little of both happened here and then the government shut down was the icing on the cake.

Last week, our Area Director (David Mull) called Mr. (b) (6)

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From: Giles, Misty - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 3:20 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Loan Issue- Can you direct this?

Thanks Joyce. Appreciate you looking into this for us and closing the loop w Jessica.

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Saturday, March 23, 2019 11:38:55 PM
To: Giles, Misty - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: Re: Loan Issue- Can you direct this?

Hi Misty. (b)(5) Deliberative Process

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I will continue to dig. Joyce

From: "Giles, Misty - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Misty.Giles@osec.usda.gov>
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 at 11:34:40 AM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Cc: "Ghee, Hailey - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Hailey.Ghee@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Loan Issue- Can you direct this?

Joyce,

Happy Friday! (b)(5) Deliberative Process

[REDACTED]

Thanks!
 MAG



Misty Ann Giles

Acting Chief of Staff
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 Cell: (b) (6)

From: Ghee, Hailey -
 OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Thursday, March
 21, 2019 1:39 PM

To: Giles, Misty - OSEC, Washington, DC <Misty.Giles@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Miller, Jannine - OSEC, Washington, DC <Jannine.Miller@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Loan Issue- Can you direct this?

I just spoke with Jannine. (b)(5) Deliberative Process

[REDACTED] Happy to hop on the phone with Jessica.

Thanks!

Hailey Ghee

Special Assistant to the Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office: 202-205-9982
Cell: (b) (6)

From: Jessica Perdue (b) (6) <[jperdue.pro](mailto:jperdue@perdue.pro)>

Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 8:46 AM

To: Ghee, Hailey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Hailey.Ghee@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: Loan Issue- Can you direct this?

Hi ma'am!

If you could get this to the folks that can get some answers, (b) (6)

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Thanks,
Jessica

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From: **Tyus**, Benjamin - RD, Fort Valley, GA
<Benjamin.Tyus@ga.usda.gov>

Date: Wed, Nov 21, 2018, 2:42 PM

Subject: Certificate of Eligibility and Attachment

To: (b) (6)

(b) (6)

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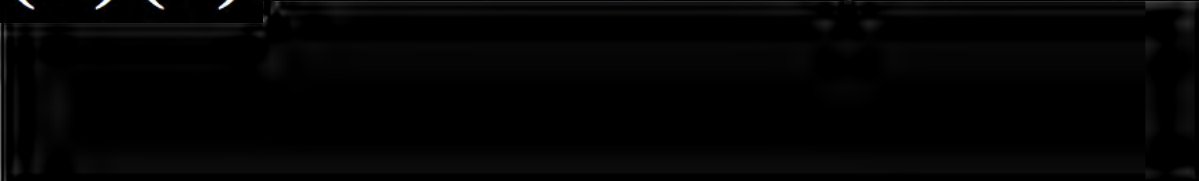
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Cc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#); [Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Marketing ideas, help!
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 9:38:41 AM
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Hello there OEA Team:

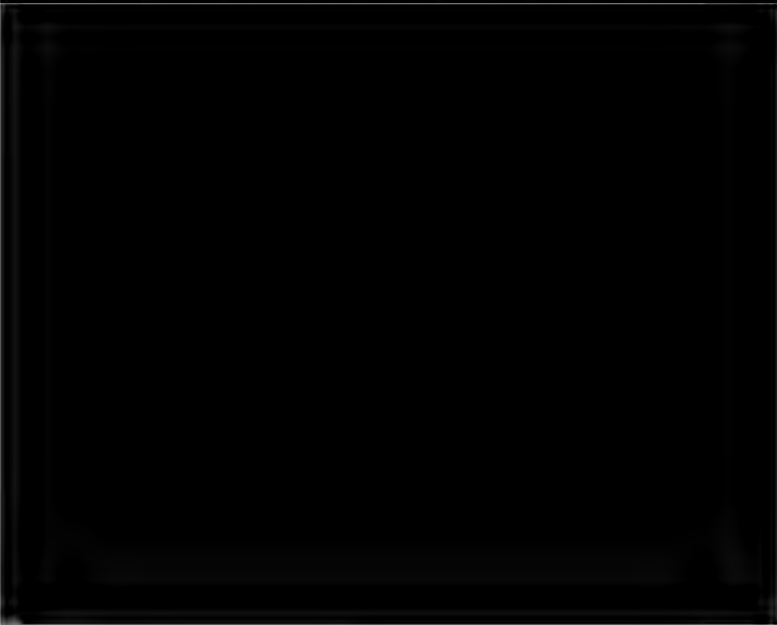
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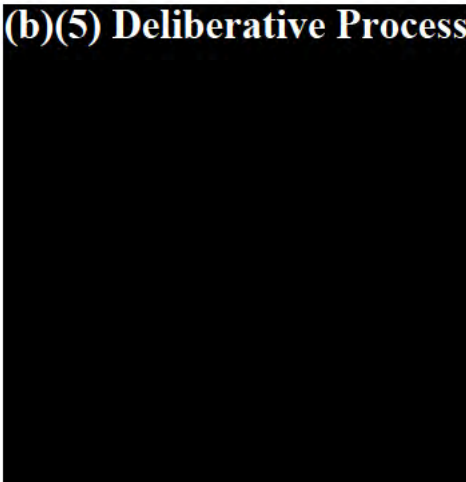
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Please let me know how you feel I should proceed with these requests. I feel they are fun ideas but I'm not sure how to implement them and they seem larger than my role. I'd love to dig in and work on them but I need help, a lot of help!

Thanks,

Deb

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To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Monday
Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019 12:55:18 PM

Hey Joyce,

We are having a sendoff lunch for (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.

From: [Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Cc: (b) (6) [@hotmail.com](#); [Joyce White](#)
Subject: PRESENT on NOV 1
Date: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 2:20:49 PM
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The Nov. 1 presentation for the GMA-ACCG Local Gov't Federal Advocacy Forum is attached. I timed it at 13 minutes.

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: chris.perkins@perdue.senate.gov
Subject: Peanuts
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> Chris: Do you have any peanuts? If so, are you around Stockbridge tomorrow (Friday)? I am hosting all the White House Appointees next week. They are coming from all over to Georgia and so I'm needing to provide snacks.

Thanks

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 > From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
 > Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 11:38 AM
 > To: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
 > Subject: RE: Opioid Grants
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 > Yes, Chris. Thank you. I'll have Dawn Pilgrim call. She is my lead on opioids.
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 >
 > JOYCE WHITE
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 > From: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
 > Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 5:32 PM
 > To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
 > Subject: Opioid Grants

> Joyce,
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 >
 > I met someone the other day that is interested in speaking with someone at USDA about Opioid Grants. The organization is called AVPride and they have a new executive director. I referred them to your office before but with the old leadership. Could you have someone reach out to them?

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 > Dr. Tami Morris
 >
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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Joyce White](#)
Subject: Pecan growers
Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 9:29:52 AM

Hi Joyce,

I have been contacted by two pecan farmers asking if pecans will be included on the MFP direct payment list in the future. The latest info I have shows direct payments for corn, cotton, soybeans, dairy, hog, wheat and a few others but not pecans.

I know there's a lot of uncertainty right now so this may be a "wait and see" situation.

Thank you Joyce.

I toured Leatherbrook Farm yesterday and met this guy!

Best always,
Kathy

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



From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Pike County contact
Date: Monday, April 1, 2019 10:11:24 AM

Joyce,

Could you have someone reach out to the gentleman listed below. He is with the Pike County Agribusiness Authority.

Ken Gran

(b) (6)
(b) (6) [@yahoo.com](#)

Sincerely,

Chris Perkins

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Ziesenhene, Greg \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: Broadband Flyer Attached
Date: Monday, November 25, 2019 7:17:12 PM

Thank you Greg. I appreciate it.

Joyce

From: Ziesenhene, Greg (Perdue) <Greg_Ziesenhene@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 3:04 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <joyce.white@usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Broadband Flyer Attached

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Andrew_Blascovich@isakson.senate.gov

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 25, 2019, at 12:48 PM, White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <joyce.white@usda.gov> wrote:

Thanks Greg. Who is on Congressman Austin Scott's team for the Forsyth area and Senator Isakson's field rep for the area of Forsyth? I feel like I need to get them involved too. Thanks,

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From: Ziesenhene, Greg (Perdue) <Greg_Ziesenhene@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2019 9:06 AM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <joyce.white@usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Broadband Flyer Attached

Hey Joyce!
Yes, I'm planning to attend, can't stay
the full day, and yes I'll help promote by forwarding to a wide group of likely interested
rural leaders and key people.
Thank you for doing this!
Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 23, 2019, at 9:28 PM, White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
<joyce.white@usda.gov> wrote:

Hey Greg: I wanted to let you know that I'm hosting a Broadband Summit
at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth on December 5,
beginning at 10:00 a.m. I've asked the Department of Community Affairs
to partner with me since they are doing the mapping of broadband across
Georgia. The Georgia EMC's will also be presenting. The Monroe County
Commission is sponsoring lunch and helping promote, but I wanted to

share this flyer with you in the hopes you can attend and also help get the word out to anyone you meet with who is in need of broadband.

The President made available \$600 million for broadband in 2019 and is making \$650 million available in 2020. We are getting the word out and if communities want to apply, this summit will help them know how to get started with an application. Some of the money is grant money.

Please share with who you deem appropriate.

Thanks,

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From: Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA <deborah.callahan@usda.gov>

Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2019 3:47 PM

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

Subject: RE: Broadband Flyer Attached

The flyer is attached and here is the eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/78406615297>

Sorry for the delay.

-Deb

Deborah Callahan, Public Information Officer
USDA Rural Development Georgia

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <joyce.white@usda.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2019 2:57 PM
To: Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA <deborah.callahan@usda.gov>
Subject: Broadband Flyer

Will you please send to me the flyer we are using to announce the broadband event? I want to send it out to State Rep Susan Holmes and State Senator John Kennedy as well as Blake Poole from the Governor's Office. Thanks,

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: Butts County to connect with
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 8:49:13 AM
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It was great to talk with you! Thanks for continuing to tell communities about USDA Rural Development. I called the Mayor of Centralhatchee (Barbie Crockett) yesterday and had to leave her a voicemail. I will follow up with a e-mail now. I will also e-mail the Butts County folks and offer to go down and meet with them at a time convenient with them.

I appreciate you. Take care.

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Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 3:31 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Butts County to connect with

Joyce,

Good talking to you today on the phone. Glad to hear you are back at work! I met last Friday with some people in Butts County that are interested in talking to your Rural Eco Dev folks.

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Thanks Joyce!

Chris Perkins

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To: Suzanne Walker
Cc: Young Lance - RD Tifton GA; Davis Karen - Athens GA; White Joyce - RD Athens GA; Anderson Joseph - RD - Athens GA; Callahan Deborah - RD Athens GA
Subject: RE: Coastal Solar Symposium July 30
Date: Friday, July 12, 2019 4:10:42 PM
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From: Suzanne Walker (b) (6) @coastalsolar.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 10:09 AM
To: Miller, Brooke <Brooke.Miller@mail.house.gov>; Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA <deborah.callahan@usda.gov>
Cc: Brown, Leslie - RD, Washington, DC <lesliea.brown@usda.gov>; Charlene Freeman (b) (6) @coastalsolar.com>
Subject: RE: Coastal Solar Symposium July 30

Hello Brooke,

This is great news! The actual event will run for one hour, beginning at 12 noon.

Suzanne Walker
Coastal Solar
(b) (6) cell
912-332-1109 office

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller

From: Miller, Brooke <Brooke.Miller@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2019 5:15 PM
To: 'Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA' <deborah.callahan@usda.gov>
Cc: Brown, Leslie - RD, Washington, DC <lesliea.brown@usda.gov>; Suzanne Walker (b) (6) @coastalsolar.com>
Subject: RE: Coastal Solar Symposium July 30

Great! I'm still working through his calendar a bit for the dates. How do you expect the event to last?

Brooke Miller
Scheduler
2432 Rayburn HOB | 202-225-5831



From: Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:deborah.callahan@usda.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2019 4:07 PM
To: Miller, Brooke
Cc: Brown, Leslie - RD, Washington, DC (b) (6) @coastalsolar.com
Subject: RE: Coastal Solar Symposium July 30

Hello Brooke,
How excellent to hear that Representative Carter may be attending!
Here is the time and location. Suzanne is the point on this event and she will likely coordinate with you to organize the agenda to allow time for Mr. Carter.

July 30, 2019 beginning at noon.
Susan Shipman Environmental Learning Center - Northeast corner of the parking lot of Coastal Regional Headquarters of DNR, One Conservation Way, Brunswick, GA 31520.

Call 912-264-7218 or email (b) (6) @dnr.ga.gov for more information on finding the location.

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Cc: Brown, Leslie - RD, Washington, DC <lesliea.brown@usda.gov> (b) (6) <@coastalsolar.com>
Subject: RE: Coastal Solar Symposium July 30

Hey everyone,

I hope you're all going well! I wanted to reach in regards to this event. The Congressman is interested in attending so I was wondering timing and location. Please let me know your thoughts!

Brooke Miller
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From: Thompson, Hart
Sent: Wednesday, July 03, 2019 11:11 AM
To: 'Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA'
Cc: Brown, Leslie - RD, Washington, DC (b) (6) <@coastalsolar.com>; Miller, Brooke
Subject: RE: Coastal Solar Symposium July 30

Hey Deborah,

Thanks again for sending this over! I've cc'd our scheduler, Brooke Miller, on this email to see if Mr. Carter will be able to attend.

Hart Thompson

From: Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA [<mailto:deborah.callahan@usda.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 03, 2019 11:05 AM
To: Thompson, Hart
Cc: Brown, Leslie - RD, Washington, DC (b) (6) <@coastalsolar.com>
Subject: Coastal Solar Symposium July 30

Hello Hart:

As requested, here is the meeting info for the Coastal Solar symposium.
Our solar/energy specialist will be at the event to answer questions and share success stories and program brochures/ application materials. If Representative Carter will be attending, please advise Suzanne Walker at

Coastal Solar, (b) (6) cell, 912-332-1109 office , or email (b) (6) <@coastalsolar.com>

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To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Contact Kathy Parsons
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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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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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Subject: RE: Contacts for USDA Rural Eco Dev
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Hey Joyce,

Absolutely, I will reach out to these folks and plan to attend on the August 21st.

Thanks, Holly

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Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 7:23 PM
To: Selph, Holly - RD, Barnesville, GA <holly.selph@usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Contacts for USDA Rural Eco Dev

Holly: Can you please call the folks listed below and just make an introduction or stop by and see them.

Also, we are doing a SBA/USDA Rural Development big outreach event on August 21 in West Point. We will see lenders at 1:00 and then open to the public at 2:00. I would like for you to come over if you can. I know this is not your area, but borders your area. We want a large presences of course. I spent all day in West Point, LaGrange and Columbus Georgia dropping in on Chambers and Rural Development Offices and banks, businesses, etc., trying to publicize for the event.

Talk to you soon.

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To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <joyce.white@usda.gov>
Subject: Contacts for USDA Rural Eco Dev

Joyce,

Hope all is well with you! I have some new contacts I would like your office to reach out to. I met with all of them today down in Barnesville. They are all in Lamar County.

David Rose, Barnesville City Manager

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770-358-0181 Office

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Tim Turner, Barnesville Asst. City Manager

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Sean Townsend, Lamar County Manager

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Okay, fantastic. We will do that. I have met with Barnesville and Lamar County before myself, but officials change every election. We will work to keep a on-going relationship with these folks.

Thanks so much. I really appreciate the contacts.

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Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 5:24 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <joyce.white@usda.gov>
Subject: Contacts for USDA Rural Eco Dev

Joyce,

Hope all is well with you! I have some new contacts I would like your office to reach out to. I met with all of them today down in Barnesville. They are all in Lamar County.

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Sincerely,

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Subject: RE: Follow Up/E-Intro
Date: Monday, December 17, 2018 10:17:59 AM

Good morning Joyce!

Let me know when you have some time and we can connect via telephone. I have open schedule Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, and Friday morning this week. It looked like there was some good data in the Farm Bill, but it will be good to see the best places to connect. One we are looking at is the [Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program](#) that was passed in the NDAA last year, but I suspect there are other places we can work together.

I also look forward to connecting with Jason soon as well!

V/R

Dan



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Hi Dan. I am grateful to Emily for introducing me to you via e-mail and also to Jason for the work he has already gotten underway.

I am familiar with the 21st Century Partners. When I was State Director for Senator David Perdue, I attended two meetings. I don't know that we had the opportunity to meet but two years have gone by, and I am sure a great deal has taken place since I attended. I would love to see how we might partner together.

Thanks so much, and I look forward to speaking with you.

Joyce White
State Director, USDA, Rural Development, Georgia

From: "Buckman, Emily - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Emily.Buckman@osec.usda.gov>
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Dan-

It was great meeting you a couple of weeks ago and learning about the important work you are doing for military communities in GA. Per our conversation, I wanted to connect you with a couple of our state directors (cc'd one here).

Joyce White is the Georgia State Director for RD and a great resource to have in the state.

Additionally, I've included Jason Allen, our Michigan State Director, who is well versed in military issues and is spearheading a rural development state director work group to take a look at issues important to that sector.

I hope that y'all will find some time to connect.

Have a great weekend!

Emily



Emily Buckman

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Hey Kathy: I thought of you yesterday as I visited with Dr. Buchanan at Andrew College. I was planning to go see Will Harris, but they wanted me next week, and I was in that area yesterday and he wasn't available. I don't think I'll make that drive next week. It is a loooooonnnnnngggg way!

Anyway, I'll check to see if we have a list of projects that are being funded. We have so many programs and they are all different. I know we are doing some housing for him currently. (b) (6)

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

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Hi Joyce,

I hope you are doing well! I received this question from a Constituent regarding a yearly list of

recipients of USDA grants in Georgia. Would you happen to have access to that?

Keep cool out there!

Thank you

Kathy

"BY THE WAY, MS. BURNS, HAS THE LIST OF THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENTS BEEN PUBLISHED?

I'D LIKE TO SEE IT WHEN IT IS PUBLIC.

WILL."

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



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From: Will Harris (b) (6) [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@whiteoakpastures.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@whiteoakpastures.com)>

Date: 9/17/18 4:01 PM (GMT-05:00)

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

Subject: Re: Hello and Congratulations

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. BURNS.

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WE HAVE 155 EMPLOYEES, WHICH I THINK MAKES US THE LARGEST FULL TIME EMPLOYER IN THE COUNTY. MORE IMPORTANTLY, OUR AVERAGE EMPLOYEE EARNED ALMOST TWICE THE COUNTY'S AVERAGE ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL INCOME LAST YEAR.

I HOPE THAT YOU, AND MAYBE EVEN SENATOR PERDUE, WILL VISIT US SOMETIMES. WE HAVE ON

FARM LODGING AND AN ON FARM RESTAURANT. WE WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOU WHAT WE DO.

I APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE TODAY.

WILL.

On Mon, Sep 17, 2018 at 3:22 PM, Burns, Kathy (Perdue) <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov> wrote:

Hello Mr. Harris,

I represent Senator Perdue in Clay County and want to reach out to congratulate White Oak Pastures on the grant you have been approved for from USDA Rural Development. White Oak Pastures provides many jobs in Clay County and this grant will benefit the entire community.

If I can ever be of assistance to you on behalf of Senator Perdue, please let me know.

Congratulations again.

Very Respectfully,

Kathy Burns



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Hi Andy: I hope you are great. We met when we toured the animal training facility in Newnan. I am a White House appointee with USDA and was with Secretary Perdue that day. I worked previously as State Director for Senator David Perdue, so I'm sure our paths have crossed a good deal. I know we never met concerning broadband, but I will make myself available whenever I need to. I would need to get our specialist on broadband to be present too, as he has the most experience with our broadband programs.

The purpose of my writing is to see if Congressman Ferguson would be available and willing to kick off an event we are planning for August 21, at 2:00 at the Train Depot in West Point. We would like for him to speak of course. The time will be around 2:00 p.m., and I can be exact as soon as the itinerary is finalized. This event will be hosted by USDA Rural Development who really helped develop West Point in preparing for the Kia plant. We helped build the fire station, the water and waste system needed for capacity to bring Kia in and then a small grant to do the parking lot at the train depot.

The Small Business Administration is co-hosting this event and their Administrator, Ashley Bell, will be at the event. He has charge over 8 states. I am State Director over Georgia for USDA Rural Development. We are trying to strengthen efforts to work together to loan rural areas money in an

effort to better rural Georgia.

There will be lenders present as well as County Commissioners, officials and we are involving the chamber and area chambers. We want this to be a regional event. We normally have 100 to 150 attendees. It is difficult to predict, and I may know a more accurate headcount the closer we get to the event.

Please let me know, and I thank you.

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Thanks so much for getting back to us. Sorry for the delay, but I was in meetings with him all day here yesterday and unable to respond until now. We'd be honored to have you back in the district and get y'all together as soon as it's convenient for you. Let me work on some dates and I'll circle back to you.

Hope all is well with you too! See you soon.

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Hi Andy: It was so nice to see you in Newnan a little over a week ago at the dog training facility when the Secretary was briefed there.

You mentioned while we were together that Congressman Ferguson might would like to sit down and learn more about the broadband program, and we would love to share what we know. Please feel free to share some dates with me, and we will be more than happy to meet you in the Congressman's district. I'm traveling a great deal until the second week of May, but would be available after that.

Thanks so much Andy. Take care of yourself.

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Date: Thursday, August 8, 2019 6:18:20 PM
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Thanks! I'll make these changes and change to the words you suggested. Johnny just pulled up so I am about to leave the office now.

Love You,

Glad youre back,

Me

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SECOND PARAGRAPH, 2nd SENTENCE I would add something to get the point across that holding the dinner at the FB office save dollars. You talk about intimate, casual and I would say "and economical".

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LAST PARAGRAPH I would write USDA Secretary, Sonny Perdue You have U.S.

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Best,

Romaine

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Thanks for sharing. Are you all visiting the service center today or tomorrow? If tomorrow what time?

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We are staying at the (b) (6). It offers the government rate.

See you tomorrow!

Tas

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To: Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA <tas.smith@usda.gov>
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Thanks Tas. I have a commitment in Griffin tomorrow and won't be able to head down until 9:00 Tomorrow night. I still think I will head that way though. I'd rather wake up close to where I'm suppose to be. Will you tell me which hotel you and Terrance are staying in? I'd feel better knowing I'm not alone in case anything were to happen.

Thanks

Joyce

From: "Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA" <tas.smith@usda.gov>
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WHEN: Friday, June 7, 2019

TIME: 11:15 a.m. ET
**Media availability at 12:05 p.m. ET*

WHERE: Davis Family Farms
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ET on Thursday, June 6.

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To: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: MEDIA ADVISORY: Senator Perdue, Secretary Perdue, Governor Kemp To Hold Disaster Relief Roundtable
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Thanks Tas. Sounds like a bunch of folks.

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Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 5:09 PM
To: Rudolph, Terrance - NRCS, Athens, GA <terrance.rudolph@usda.gov>; White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <joyce.white@usda.gov>; Lee, Davina - RMA, Valdosta, GA <davina.lee@usda.gov>
Subject: FW: MEDIA ADVISORY: Senator Perdue, Secretary Perdue, Governor Kemp To Hold Disaster Relief Roundtable

From: Black, Casey (Perdue) <Casey_Black@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 5:03 PM
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To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
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Thanks, Joyce!

Christopher Nunn

Commissioner

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To: Christopher Nunn <Christopher.Nunn@dca.ga.gov>
Subject: FW: MEDIA ADVISORY: Senator Perdue, Secretary Perdue, Governor Kemp To Hold Disaster Relief Roundtable

Hey Christopher: This is the release I received. It is coming out of Senator Perdue's office. If your rep has a relationship with Davis Farms, my advice is she could call them or make a call over to the Governor's Office.

I'll take notes for sure.

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To: [Kelly, Colin \(Perdue\)](#)
Cc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#); [Tyus, Benjamin - RD, Fort Valley, GA](#); [Jones, Evette - RD, Newnan, GA](#)
Subject: RE: (b) (6)
Date: Thursday, October 25, 2018 11:23:01 AM
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Mr. Kelly,

(b) (6)

Thanks -- let me know if you need any additional information.

Ed

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From: Kelly, Colin (Perdue) <Colin_Kelly@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 10:36 AM
To: Peace, Ed - RD, Athens, GA <Ed.Peace@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: (b) (6)

Good Morning Mr. Peace,

I just wanted to follow up with you, to see if you knew if (b) (6) waiver for his USDA Rural Development loan had been submitted and or is under review? Thank you for all of your help throughout this process.



Colin Kelly
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From: (b) (6) (Perdue)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Monday
Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019 1:43:44 PM

Also, the (b) (6) !
 Good news! ☺

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2019 1:16 PM
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No pressure at all. I know you're busy.
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I also meant to tell you that Friday is a surprise!

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To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Opioid Grants
Date: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:11:05 PM
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Thanks Joyce!

Chris

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 11:38 AM
To: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Opioid Grants

Yes, Chris. Thank you. I'll have Dawn Pilgrim call. She is my lead on opioids.

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Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 5:32 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Opioid Grants

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I met someone the other day that is interested in speaking with someone at USDA about Opioid Grants. The organization is called AVPride and they have a new executive director. I referred them to your office before but with the old leadership. Could you have someone reach out to them?

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To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Opioid Grants
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Hi Mrs. White,

I just tried calling Ms. Morris; however, I was unsuccessful in reaching her this afternoon. I will be out of the office tomorrow but will reach out to her again on Monday.

Have a great weekend.

Dawn Pilgrim

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Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 4:37 PM
To: Pilgrim, Dawn - RD, Athens, GA <Dawn.Pilgrim@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Opioid Grants

Hey Dawn: Chris Perkins is with Senator Perdue's Office and met the lady below that needs info on opioids. Will you please reach out?

Many thanks to you.

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To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Pike County contact - (b) (6) -
Date: Monday, April 1, 2019 10:59:01 AM
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If you have good access to Interstate 75, it may serve you better in travel time. As always, I am here To support you in every way.

Thank you, Holly

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To: Selph, Holly - RD, Barnesville, GA <Holly.Selph@ga.usda.gov>

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Thank you Holly. Thanks too for the offer to carpool. I haven't made up my mind of my schedule for the end of this week, so I'll probably just go on my own. If I change my mind, I'll let you know. I am very close to I-75 and can jump on and head down. It's when I get off, I get turned around in Ft. Valley. ☹️

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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 (b) (6). 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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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
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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 (b) (6). 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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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.

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From: [Hayes, Jennifer \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Hayes, Andrew - RD, Jacksonville, FL](#); [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Quick Question
Date: Monday, August 12, 2019 2:12:26 PM
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Thank you so much! Ok to share this with our constituent?

From: Hayes, Andrew - RD, Jacksonville, FL [mailto:andrew.hayes@usda.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 9:46 AM
To: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>; White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <joyce.white@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Quick Question

Hi Jennifer

I'm sorry I couldn't respond on Friday. I was traveling back to the office from Alabama and didn't back until late. I just tried calling but the voicemailbox is full. I'll be on the road again today, so if I don't answer the phone I'll call back ASAP.

As for the definition of "rural" this is what it is:

"A Rural Area refers to any area, as confirmed by the most recent decennial Census of the United States, which is not located within a city, town, or incorporated area that has a population of greater than 20,000 inhabitants; or an urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants. For purposes of the definition of Rural Area, an urbanized area means a densely populated territory as defined in the most recent decennial Census."

We have various maps on our program websites and all of them show the rural areas so that applicants can know exactly what areas are not considered rural. For example, our Community Connect Grant Program has a mapping tool located at <https://broadbandsearch.sc.egov.usda.gov/bsa/servlet/mainAction.do?pageAction=Home>

To see the urban areas in Georgia you just click on "Search" in the gray-shaded tool bar above "Welcome". Then just center and zoom to Georgia and you'll see, as you would expect, the red areas around the urban centers of Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus, Macon/Warner Robbins and

Savannah. There are also smaller urban areas in and around of Athens, Albany Carrollton, Dalton, LaGrange, Rome and Valdosta and there is some spillover from Chattanooga. Everywhere else in the state is rural. The mapping tool is slow so I have attached a screenshot of the state.

So right now this definition of rural affects all of the telecom loan and grant programs. The 2018 Farm Bill amended the definition of "rural area" in section 601(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to provide that a city or town that has a population of up to **50,000** inhabitants is eligible for guaranteed loans in the rural broadband program. (Section 6202).

It's not clear to me at this point what RUS broadband loan or grant program would be impacted by this amendment. Our DC staff are working on the new requirements for the Farm Bill Broadband Loan Program and those will be published later this year. The "Section 6202" referenced in the Farm Bill in connection with this amended definition of "rural" is for a new middle-mile infrastructure program and so the revised definition may only apply to that program.

Andy

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Sent: Friday, August 9, 2019 3:29 PM

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

Cc: Hayes, Andrew - RD, Jacksonville, FL <andrew.hayes@usda.gov>

Subject: RE: Quick Question

Thank you so much, Joyce!

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Andy, I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience. Thanks so much!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Jennifer

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Sent: Friday, August 09, 2019 3:27 PM
To: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Hayes, Andrew - RD, Jacksonville, FL <andrew.hayes@usda.gov>
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Thanks so much and please keep in touch and let me know if you need something more from me.

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Subject: Quick Question

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Cc: [Hayes, Andrew - RD, Jacksonville, FL](#)
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To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#); [Ziesenhene, Greg \(Perdue\)](#)
Cc: [Baska, Sarah \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: REQUEST for Assistance: Mayor Brenda Broach, Town of Ivey, GA (Wilkinson County)
Date: Friday, November 22, 2019 12:47:49 PM
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Thank you so much, Joyce!
 I hope you are doing well.

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From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:joyce.white@usda.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2019 11:57 AM
To: Ziesenhene, Greg (Perdue) <Greg_Ziesenhene@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Baska, Sarah (Perdue) <Sarah_Baska@perdue.senate.gov>; Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: REQUEST for Assistance: Mayor Brenda Broach, Town of Ivey, GA (Wilkinson County)

Hey Greg and team: Happy Thanksgiving. I hope you all are well.

I haven't forgotten about this request. I have spoken with our area director, Kathy Ross, who has been in contact with Mayor Brenda Broach. I have also spoken to the Program Director (Jack Stanek) who is over the water and waste program that this loan came through for the Town of Ivey. They both are keenly aware of the issue and both have said we (USDA) have no way of providing "forgiveness" of a loan.

Mayor Broach has explained to our Area Director (Kathy Ross) that the City is struggling with debt service because of the USDA loans. The City recently had to borrow money from GEFA for a small project. Their population is declining, so their revenue stream is declining.

Kathy Ross gave the Mayor some contacts from our graduation list to try and help the Mayor find a way to refinance the debt they owe.

We are seeing several areas struggle with paying their loans back – even though these are low interest loans with 30 or 40 year terms. It is a difficult situation.

I wish I had all the answers. I know you do too.

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From: Ziesenhene, Greg (Perdue) <Greg_Ziesenhene@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2019 1:48 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <joyce.white@usda.gov>
Cc: Baska, Sarah (Perdue) <Sarah_Baska@perdue.senate.gov>; Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: REQUEST for Assistance: Mayor Brenda Broach, Town of Ivey, GA (Wilkinson County)

Thanks Joyce!

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [<mailto:joyce.white@usda.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 1:56 PM
To: Ziesenhene, Greg (Perdue) <Greg_Ziesenhene@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Baska, Sarah (Perdue) <Sarah_Baska@perdue.senate.gov>; Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: REQUEST for Assistance: Mayor Brenda Broach, Town of Ivey, GA (Wilkinson County)

Hey Greg. I'm in north GA. We can work on this next week. I've forwarded to the director over our water/sewer program to see if anything can be done.

From: "Ziesenhene, Greg (Perdue)" <Greg_Ziesenhene@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 12:04:10 AM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <joyce.white@usda.gov>
Cc: "Baska, Sarah (Perdue)" <Sarah_Baska@perdue.senate.gov>, "Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue)" <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: REQUEST for Assistance: Mayor Brenda Broach, Town of Ivey, GA (Wilkinson County)

Hello Joyce! Hope you and your Family are all doing much, much better!

Please see attached letter from City of Ivey Mayor Brenda Broach in Wilkinson County.
 At a mutually convenient time, can we (you and Sarah & I) discuss the status of this situation.
 Mayor Broach is requesting Senator Perdue's assistance in the City of Ivey's dealings with GMA to facilitate their ability to satisfy an obligation to the USDA,
 which on the surface appears to be outside of our authorized swim lane for Constituent Services.

Please let us know what works best for you.

Greg

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From: Senator Perdue - Atlanta [<mailto:donotreply@perdue.senate.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 2:25 PM

To: Casework, Perdue (Perdue) <Perdue_Casework@perdue.senate.gov>

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

Subject: Brenda Broach letter

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From: [Mull, David - RD, Monroe, GA](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Cc: [Lucas, Tamika - RD, Newnan, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Reach out to Senoia City Manager
Date: Thursday, May 9, 2019 1:16:36 PM
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Joyce, Tamika said that we already have an application from Senoia and she has met with Mr. Simmons so it is in the works. It is rural.
Let me know if you need more information.

Thanks.
David

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From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2019 12:03 PM
To: Mull, David - RD, Monroe, GA <david.mull@usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Reach out to Senoia City Manager

David: will you please have someone reach out to the City Manager of Senoia? This area may or may not be rural. I'm not sure. It is Coweta County, so area 1. Thanks.

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Dann, Terri \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: (b) (6)
Date: Friday, February 15, 2019 12:28:33 PM
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Terri: I don't know how to feel. (b) (6) but sad for those folks who won't have you to help them through tough situations. 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 will be in touch, and I wish you the very best (b) (6)

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From: Dann, Terri (Perdue) <Terri_Dann@perdue.senate.gov>

Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 9:08 AM

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

Subject: (b) (6)

Joyce,

[REDACTED] (b) (6). It has been my pleasure working with you, and I will continue to keep in touch!!

Terri



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From: [Phillips, Phil - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Rex Bullock and Sheriff Robert Rogers and Martha Zoller
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 8:21:07 AM
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Good morning Joyce,

Yes, I will take care of it.

Thank you

Philip L. Phillips

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From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 10:37 PM
To: Phillips, Phil - RD, Athens, GA <phil.phillips@usda.gov>
Subject: Rex Bullock and Sheriff Robert Rogers and Martha Zoller

Hi Phil: Tomorrow I have two visitors coming for a 1:00 meeting with Jack Stanek and me. Rex Bullock and Robert Rogers. Will you be able to let the guards know and then bring these two gentleman up when they arrive?

Also, a Martha Zoller may drop in. She too will need help getting into our building even though she worked for Senator David Perdue and currently with Governor Brian Kemp.

Thanks for your help.

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To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Rural Development Program Information Sheet
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 4:04:13 PM
Attachments: [image010.png](#)
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Thanks Joyce.

Evette M. Jones

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From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 3:25 PM
To: Jones, Evette - RD, Newnan, GA <Evette.Jones@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Rural Development Program Information Sheet

Evette: I wanted to share with you correspondence I sent out to the Mayor of Centralhatchee in Heard County. If she responds, I'll then loop you in and introduce the two of you.

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Subject: Rural Development Program Information Sheet

Hello Mayor Crockett:

Senator David Perdue's field rep, Chris Perkins, requested I reach out to you. I left you a voicemail yesterday on your cell.

I am the State Director for USDA Rural Development in Georgia. Rural Development exists to help rural communities. We are basically a large bank that supplies long term, low interest loans to communities to help them develop economically. We can help with water systems, sewer systems and improve infrastructure in order to bring in business. We can provide funding to build clinics, hospitals, schools, libraries, child development centers, nursing homes, hotels, etc. We can provide loans to entrepreneurs. We can provide loans to grow and expand business.

We have USDA housing loans for families who are low income. We also have a multi-family home program.

I have attached a brochure that lists our programs. If you have questions or if you already know the needs of your community and want to see if Rural Development can help, please feel free to call me or e-mail me back. We are happy to talk with you or meet with you. We would enjoy working with you and Centralhatchee.

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To: [Jennifer Meares](#)
Cc: [Doug Kolbenschlag](#); [Mull, David - RD, Monroe, GA](#); [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: Rural Development Program Information
Date: Thursday, May 9, 2019 12:08:23 PM
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Hi Jennifer: I wanted to let you know that Mr. Harold Simmons has also (through Chris Perkins) asked us to contact him. So, are you familiar with Mr. Simmons? We can provide information to both, but don't want to get confused or cause confusion. We would very much like to help Senoia with a water/sewer capacity issue. We would need to check to make sure you are still defined as "rural" but someone from our office can determine that.

Thanks,

Joyce

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To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <joyce.white@usda.gov>
Cc: Doug Kolbenschlag (b) (6) @senoia.com>
Subject: Re: Rural Development Program Information

Joyce:

I appreciate you sending me this information very much. I do have a question if you don't mind. Years ago, the city of Senoia funded a water/sewer plant partially through a USDA loan. The city is at capacity now and needs to build a new plant. Does the city of Senoia still meet the requirements for USDA? Would it be possible to apply for another USDA loan for the new treatment plant? The City limits is still under a population of 5,000 in Coweta County. We have grown and the per capita income as increased. I am not sure if the

qualifications are just on population or do they look at income as well? Thank you very much for your assistance.

Jennifer Meares

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 2:59 PM
To: Jennifer Meares
Subject: Rural Development Program Information

Hi Jennifer: I hope you are doing great today.

Chris Perkins from Senator Perdue's office shared with me that you might be interested in the program's that USDA's Rural Development has to offer Georgia's rural areas. I have attached a brochure that gives a high-level description but would be happy to discuss further and/or put you in touch with someone to talk or visit with. We are in between area directors in that area of Georgia, but our "Acting Director", David Mull begins on Monday and is extremely knowledgeable.

Basically Rural Development is charged with the responsibility of improving the lives of citizens living in rural Georgia. Rural Development is the 6th largest bank in the US, and we offer grants and low interest loans to improve or build water and waste systems, build medical clinics, schools, libraries or senior centers. We are working to extend broadband, purchase emergency vehicles and combat the opioid misuse crisis. We want to support projects that support economic development and bring jobs to rural areas.

Let me know if there is something specific you are thinking about, and we'll work to get the right person to contact you.

Thanks so much for your interest,

Joyce White
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Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 1:25:29 PM
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Thank you Tina. That's very kind. I will check my schedule to see. I know I have to be in south Georgia on March 21 so I'm trying to decide if I'll just get up early and drive down to south GA on the 21st or go down the evening of the 20th. Thank you for thinking of me, and I will let you know.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 1:19 PM
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To: [Ziesenhene, Greg \(Perdue\)](#); [Martha Zoller](#); martha.zoller@georgia.gov
Subject: RE: SURPRISE (b) (6), March 1st
Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019 9:37:19 AM
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Thanks Greg for letting me know about her surprise luncheon. That's very thoughtful. (b) (6) did e-mail me to let me know (b) (6).

She was a wealth of knowledge to me in starting the Georgia office for Senator Perdue. If I can swing by, I will do so. I'm not sure where I'll be that day. I know I have a White House call that day at noon, but maybe I can at least send her something if I can't attend.

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Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2019 12:24 AM
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Subject: FW: SURPRISE (b) (6) March 1st

FYI

From: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue)
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 5:42 PM
Subject: SURPRISE

Hi Everyone,
 As you know, (b) (6) will be retiring at the end of the month. We are planning a surprise farewell lunch on Monday, February 25 at 12:30 in the Atlanta office. If you're in the area, please join us to wish her well and to thank her for her service! She will be missed! Let me know if you have any questions. **Don't forget this is a surprise for her!** Thanks, Jennifer

Subject: Congratulations (b) (6)

Team, Just wanted to let you know that (b) (6) will be retiring at the end of this month. As all of you know, Terri has been a critical component of our team and a tireless advocate for Georgia veterans during her time working for Senator Perdue and before that for Congressman Phil Gingrey. I hope you'll join me in congratulating (b) (6) on her well-deserved retirement and thanking her for her service. She will certainly be missed! Thanks, Ben

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To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Temple City Manager
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Called and left him a message.

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From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 6:32 PM
To: Mull, David - RD, Monroe, GA <david.mull@usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Temple City Manager

David: Can you please ask someone to reach out to William "Bill" Osborne, Temple City Manager in Carroll County.

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Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 5:56 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <joyce.white@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Temple City Manager

Thanks Joyce ! Hope all is well with you.

Chris Perkins

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [<mailto:joyce.white@usda.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 5:52 PM
To: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
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Chris Perkins

Field Representative

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To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: USDA, Rural Development Program Information Sheet
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Will do.

Thanks Joyce.

Evette M. Jones

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Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 5:51 PM
To: Jones, Evette - RD, Newnan, GA <Evette.Jones@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: USDA, Rural Development Program Information Sheet

I also sent our pamphlet to chamber director and development authority director of Butts County.
I'll let you know if anything comes of it.

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To: Bob White (b) (6) <[@buttscountyida.com](mailto:(b)(6)@buttscountyida.com)>
Cc: catherinejones@buttschamber.com
Subject: RE: USDA, Rural Development Program Information Sheet

Well then you probably do know our programs. We do have some grant money as well. Butts should qualify as rural where Henry County won't except there is a some area in Locust Grove that qualifies.

Please feel free to let me know if you see a way we may be able to help. This current administration has put a large emphasis on "Rural America" and I very much would like for Georgia's rural areas to benefit.

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Cc: catherinejones@buttschamber.com
Subject: Re: USDA, Rural Development Program Information Sheet

Joyce,

Thanks to Chris for making the introduction, and a special thanks to you for providing the program

information. I was the executive director of the Henry County Development Authority for 20 years but, except for a short while with the City of Hampton, we didn't qualify for many USDA Rural Development programs. It is good to know what's out there, and I'll definitely reach out to you if I have any questions.

Bob



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Hello Executive Director Jones and Executive Director White:

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We have USDA housing loans for families who are low income. We also have a multi-family home program.

I have attached a brochure that lists our programs. If you have questions or if you already know the needs of your community and want to see if Rural Development can help, please feel free to call me or e-mail me back. I would very much enjoy meeting with you or talking with you. Thank

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Dan Rhoades](#)
Subject: Re: Follow Up/E-Intro
Date: Wednesday, December 19, 2018 10:05:16 AM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)
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[image007.png](#)
[image008.png](#)

Hi Dan. I will call you on your cell at 2:00 tomorrow. Let me know if this is a problem.
 Thanks.

From: "Dan Rhoades" (b) (6) <@robins21.org>
Date: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 10:08:03 AM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Follow Up/E-Intro

Joyce,

Thank you! I look forward to chatting with you!

V/R

Dan



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From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 10:44 PM
To: Dan Rhoades (b) (6) <@robins21.org>
Subject: RE: Follow Up/E-Intro

Thank you Dan. You are ahead of me. I have not reviewed the Farm Bill as of yet, but we can have a discussion and get started at finding ways to partner.

I think I will have some time on Wednesday at 2:00. Would this work for you?

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From: Dan Rhoades (b) (6) <drhoades@robins21.org>
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 10:18 AM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Cc: (b) (6) <asgdc.com>; Allen, Jason - RD, East Lansing, MI <Jason.Allen@mi.usda.gov>; Buckman, Emily - OSEC, Washington, DC <Emily.Buckman@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Follow Up/E-Intro

Good morning Joyce!

Let me know when you have some time and we can connect via telephone. I have open schedule Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, and Friday morning this week. It looked like there was some good data in the Farm Bill, but it will be good to see the best places to connect. One we are looking at is the [Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program](#) that was passed in the NDAA last year, but I suspect there are other places we can work together.

I also look forward to connecting with Jason soon as well!

V/R

Dan



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Sent: Saturday, December 15, 2018 10:45 PM

To: Dan Rhoades (b) (6) <robins21.org>

Cc: (b) (6) <asgdc.com>; Allen, Jason - RD, East Lansing, MI <Jason.Allen@mi.usda.gov>; Buckman, Emily - OSEC, Washington, DC <Emily.Buckman@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: Re: Follow Up/E-Intro

Hi Dan. I am grateful to Emily for introducing me to you via e-mail and also to Jason for the work he has already gotten underway.

I am familiar with the 21st Century Partners. When I was State Director for Senator David Perdue, I attended two meetings. I don't know that we had the opportunity to meet but two years have gone by, and I am sure a great deal has taken place since I attended. I would love to see how we might partner together.

Thanks so much, and I look forward to speaking with you.

Joyce White

State Director, USDA, Rural Development, Georgia

From: "Buckman, Emily - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Emily.Buckman@osec.usda.gov>

Date: Friday, December 14, 2018 at 2:56:10 PM

To: (b) (6) <robins21.org> (b) (6) <robins21.org>

Cc: (b) (6) <asgdc.com> (b) (6) <asgdc.com>, "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>, "Allen, Jason - RD, East Lansing, MI" <Jason.Allen@mi.usda.gov>

Subject: Follow Up/E-Intro

Dan-

It was great meeting you a couple of weeks ago and learning about the important work you are doing for military communities in GA. Per our conversation, I wanted to connect you with a couple of our state directors (cc'd one here).

Joyce White is the Georgia State Director for RD and a great resource to have in the state.

Additionally, I've included Jason Allen, our Michigan State Director, who is well versed in military issues and is spearheading a rural development state director work group to take a look at issues important to that sector.

I hope that y'all will find some time to connect.

Have a great weekend!

Emily



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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Re: Hello!
Date: Monday, September 24, 2018 1:51:29 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Thank you so much Joyce! So nice to be in touch.

Happy Monday
Best to you
Kathy

Kathy Burns
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From: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Date: 9/20/18 10:42 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Hello!

Hey Kathy: I thought of you yesterday as I visited with Dr. Buchanan at Andrew College. I was planning to go see Will Harris, but they wanted me next week, and I was in that area yesterday and he wasn't available. I don't think I'll make that drive next week. It is a loooonnnnnngggg way!

Anyway, I'll check to see if we have a list of projects that are being funded. We have so many programs and they are all different. I know we are doing some housing for him currently. (b) (6)

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Let me see if we have a list of some sort.

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

Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2018 12:25 PM

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

Subject: Fwd: Hello!

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Subject: Fwd: Hello and Congratulations

Hi Joyce,

I hope you are doing well! I received this question from a Constituent regarding a yearly list of recipients of USDA grants in Georgia. Would you happen to have access to that?

Keep cool out there!

Thank you

Kathy

"BY THE WAY, MS. BURNS, HAS THE LIST OF THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENTS BEEN PUBLISHED?

I'D LIKE TO SEE IT WHEN IT IS PUBLIC.

WILL."

Kathy Burns

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From: Will Harris (b) (6) <Will_Harris@whiteoakpastures.com>
Date: 9/17/18 4:01 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Hello and Congratulations

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. BURNS.

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE COUNTY. I BELIEVE THAT CLAY COUNTY HAS THE HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE STATE.

WE HAVE 155 EMPLOYEES, WHICH I THINK MAKES US THE LARGEST FULL TIME EMPLOYER IN THE COUNTY. MORE IMPORTANTLY, OUR AVERAGE EMPLOYEE EARNED ALMOST TWICE THE COUNTY'S AVERAGE ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL INCOME LAST YEAR.

I HOPE THAT YOU, AND MAYBE EVEN SENATOR PERDUE, WILL VISIT US SOMETIMES. WE HAVE ON FARM LODGING AND AN ON FARM RESTAURANT. WE WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOU WHAT WE DO.

I APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE TODAY.

WILL.

On Mon, Sep 17, 2018 at 3:22 PM, Burns, Kathy (Perdue) <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov> wrote:

Hello Mr. Harris,

I represent Senator Perdue in Clay County and want to reach out to congratulate White Oak Pastures on the grant you have been approved for from USDA Rural Development. White Oak Pastures provides many jobs in Clay County and this grant will benefit the entire community.

If I can ever be of assistance to you on behalf of Senator Perdue, please let me know.

Congratulations again.
Very Respectfully,
Kathy Burns



Kathy Burns

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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Re: Hello!
Date: Monday, December 2, 2019 12:14:03 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Thank you very much Joyce!

Have a great day.
Kathy

Kathy Burns
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From: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <joyce.white@usda.gov>
Date: 12/2/19 12:09 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Hello!

Thanks Kathy. We did have a nice Thanksgiving. I hope you did too.

Please refer her to me. I'll probably have to send her to someone else, but we'll see what her request is.

Thanks and good to hear from you as always!

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From: Burns, Kathy (Perdue) <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 11:44 AM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <joyce.white@usda.gov>
Subject: Hello!

Hi Joyce!

I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving.

Dr. Shirley Green-Reese, Stockade Girls Americus, GA is requesting a contact from Secretary Perdue's office. She said she was appointed to a committee by Secretary Perdue when he was the Governor.

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Thank you Joyce!
Kathy

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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Re: Pecan growers
Date: Thursday, October 4, 2018 11:19:47 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Thank you so much Joyce. This is helpful.

Best to you!
Kathy

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From: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Date: 10/4/18 11:00 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: FW: Pecan growers

Kathy: Tas Smith is State Director over Farm Service Agency and so has responsibility to work with the growers. His answer is below in his e-mail. I forwarded your e-mail to him. I hope this helps.

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From: Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA
Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 5:28 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Pecan growers

Hey Joyce,

I have heard concerns from some pecan growers about not being included in MFP. However, I am not aware of any conversations to include them in the program at this time.

Hope this is helpful.

Tas

From: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 4:53:16 PM
To: "Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA" <Tas.Smith@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Pecan growers

Tas. Do you know the answer to this question? Thanks

From: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 9:30:00 AM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Pecan growers

Hi Joyce,

I have been contacted by two pecan farmers asking if pecans will be included on the MFP direct payment list in the future. The latest info I have shows direct payments for corn, cotton, soybeans, dairy, hog, wheat and a few others but not pecans.

I know there's a lot of uncertainty right now so this may be a "wait and see" situation.

Thank you Joyce.

I toured Leatherbrook Farm yesterday and met this guy!

Best always,
Kathy

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Buckman, Emily - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: Touch Base - Quick Phone Call
Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 10:46:00 PM

Hi Emily. I have been on the road all day and just getting to emails. I have a breakfast meeting tomorrow morning and then two conf calls and a webinar added to my schedule tomorrow that I wasn't really expecting. I will try to call you in between the breakfast and the calls. I am
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Thanks
 Joyce

From: "Buckman, Emily - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Emily.Buckman@osec.usda.gov>
Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 10:24:52 AM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Touch Base - Quick Phone Call

Joyce-

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Thanks!

Emily



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From: [Buckman, Emily - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Re: Touch Base - Quick Phone Call
Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018 8:03:21 AM

Thanks Joyce. I'm actually in Knoxville today with Anne so we can always try tomorrow if we can't connect today.

Emily

From: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 10:46:01 PM
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Emily

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Re: Tweet from David Perdue (@sendavidperdue)
Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 10:38:24 PM

This is a great photo. Thanks so much for attending and for helping us get the word out that we can help rural communities. (b) (6). I miss working with the team but am passionate about what I'm doing now. See you somewhere soon! Maybe Saturday!

From: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 6:04:27 PM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <joyce.white@usda.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Tweet from David Perdue (@sendavidperdue)

Hi Joyce,

It was so wonderful to see you today! I was too slow with my camera so I missed a photo during your discussion but managed to get this one.

Safe travels and my best to you!!

Kathy

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: Kathy Burns (b) (6) @aol.com>
Date: 8/21/19 5:40 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Tweet from David Perdue (@sendavidperdue)

David Perdue (@sendavidperdue) tweeted at 5:32 PM on Wed, Aug 21, 2019:
 #TeamPerdue attended a #RuralStrong event in West Point to learn how to better support & develop rural small businesses. Thanks to @RD_Georgia and @SBA_Georgia for putting on events like these & advocating for our rural communities! <https://t.co/nBAoDJ9Vry>
 (<https://twitter.com/sendavidperdue/status/1164289069557456902?s=02>)

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From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Reach out to Senoia City Manager
Date: Thursday, May 9, 2019 11:44:58 AM

Joyce,

I spoke with the City Manager of Senoia (Coweta) this morning. They are having issues with their sewer/water system and would like to speak to someone in Rural Economic Development.

Harold Simmons
Senoia City Manager
(b) (6) 9 Cell
770-599-3679 Office
hsimmons@senoia.com

Also got an email this morning from Temple City Manager thanking me for putting them in touch with you (USDA called them this morning). Thanks for quick turn around!

Sincerely,

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From: [Denison, Terri L.](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#); [Davis, Karen - Athens, GA \(karen.davis@usda.gov\)](#); [Patterson, Jeffrey L.](#)
Subject: Registration Lists
Date: Monday, August 19, 2019 7:15:31 AM
Attachments: [RS West GA Main Event Registration 08192019.xlsx](#)
[Rural Storm West GA-Lender Registrations 08182019.xlsx](#)

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [White, Jeff](#)
Subject: RuralDevelopment_ACCG_Nov2018.pptx
Date: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 4:20:48 PM
Attachments: [RuralDevelopment_ACCG_Nov2018.pptx](#)

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Cc: "Dickerson, Marianna S NFG NG GAARNG (US)"; "Herron, Robin"; "Williams, Miranda"; "Baska, Sarah (Perdue)"; "Brown, Toni (Isakson)"; "Caitlyn Cooper"; brian.strickland@senate.ga.gov; "Steinbrecher, Wallace E COL USARMY NG GAARNG (US)"; "Ferrero, Joachim P NFG NG GAARNG (USA)"; "Farrell, Jeffrey A NFG NG GAARNG (USA)"; "Ernie Gonzales"; "Gonzales, E C (Ernie) CIV OSD OUSD P-R (US)"; "Ziesenhene, Greg (Perdue)"; "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA"; "Fisher, Ruth (Isakson)" (b) (6) @aol.com; "Benita Dodd"; "Dill, Andrew"; "trw"; (b) (6) @gmail.com; "O'Toole, Michael James CIV OSD OUSD P-R (US)"; "Valeria MacPhail"
Subject: SAVE THE DATE-MARCH 20, 2019 5:30 GEORGIA FREIGHT DEPOT
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 9:18:30 AM
Attachments: [YCA 2019 Packet.pdf](#)
[2019 Youth Challenge White Paper.doc](#)
[Georgia Job Challenge White Paper.pdf](#)
[2019 GA National Guard YCA Foundation Annual Gala-INVITE LETTER.doc](#)

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Please see the attached and spread the word as you are in for another fabulous evening celebrating Georgia's National Guard Youth Challenge Program and honoring our very own Georgia Heroes! We hope everyone can attend!!!!

Tina M. Coria

Chair, Georgia National Guard Youth Challenge Foundation

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To: ["White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA"](#)
Cc: ["Caitlyn Cooper"](#)
Subject: SAVE THE DATE-MARCH 20, 2019 5:30 GEORGIA FREIGHT DEPOT
Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 1:18:49 PM
Attachments: [YCA 2019 Packet.pdf](#)
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It's that time of year again and Sunny Park, the Foundation's Vice Chair, and myself, are both super excited about this year's gala. Most of you remember what a fantastic time we had last year with Governor and First Lady Deal, the Deputy Secretary of Defense Matthew Dubois, the TAG Joe Jarrard, Senators Nunn and Chambliss, Bill Nigut, along with two very accomplished Youth ChalleNGe Graduates.

Sorry for such short notice, but with an election year just wrapping up almost before this year's Legislative Session began, it was impossible to line up the stars and logistics any sooner. We will resume planning and executing as normal for our future galas and look forward to the Governor and First Lady Kemp leading our Great State of Georgia for the next eight years!

This year, we will be joined by Governor and First Lady Kemp as our co-hosts, and we will be honoring Senator Johnny Isakson and Senator David Perdue. The new Georgia Adjutant General MG Tom Carden and the new Georgia Assistant Adjutant General for the Air Guard BG Tommy Grabowski will also be with us. The Deputy Secretary of Defense Judd Lyons will be with us, along with several others from the Pentagon. We have invited the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and our dear Georgia friend, Secretary Will Ball!

Please see the attached and we would be honored and grateful if you could attend this year's gala and spread the word to any organization(s) you are familiar with that may want to join us for another fabulous evening celebrating Georgia's National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program and honoring our very own Georgia Heroes with Governor and First Lady Kemp, and several special guests! Please let businesses and organizations know that as sponsors they will be featured verbally and with signage, along with two tables...see last year's gala program (attached). In addition, as donors or sponsors, they will be recognized on our website, not to mention that there are six Youth ChalleNGe Academy Graduations of our Cadets each year here in Georgia in which scholarships will be presented at each graduation to a deserving Cadet in the name of the donating business or organization.

The goals and emphasis with Job ChalleNGe and Youth ChalleNGe is to continue with Workforce Development as our goal under Governor Kemp and Adjutant General Carden's leadership to assist our Youth in Georgia with a much-needed second chance to Dream. Believe. Achieve. In fact, one of our very first Georgia graduates, Dr. Joshua Logan, is now one of our nation's leading neurologist, after going on to Emory's medical school when he graduated from the Youth ChalleNGe Academy at Fort Stewart.

Caitlyn and I would welcome an opportunity to personally meet with any business or organization desiring more information about the YCA Program and our annual Gala for public awareness! We hope everyone can attend!!!! In the meantime, please keep our fellow brethren in your thoughts and prayers as they begin the road to recovery from Sunday night's catastrophic tornadoes.

Always At Your Service,

Jina M. Coria

Chair, Georgia National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Foundation

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Cc: [Stanek, Jack - RD, Athens GA](#)
Subject: SORRY!!!!!!: FY19 RD Operations under a CR
Date: Friday, September 28, 2018 2:56:55 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
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[image006.png](#)
[image007.png](#)

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.

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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.

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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>

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<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

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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

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To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senator David Perdue Secures Georgia Military Priorities In Defense Bill
Date: Thursday, May 23, 2019 11:38:39 AM

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: 5/23/19 11:00 AM (GMT-05:00)
To:
Subject: Senator David Perdue Secures Georgia Military Priorities In Defense Bill

Hello,

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

This weekend we commemorate those who gave their lives in service to our country.

Very Respectfully,
Kathy Burns



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 23, 2019

Senator David Perdue Secures Georgia Military Priorities In Defense Bill

“Georgia’s military communities play a central role in carrying out President Trump’s National Defense Strategy.”

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA), member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and chairman of the Seapower Subcommittee, comments on committee passage of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2020. Senator Perdue secured dozens of provisions of importance to Georgia in the annual defense bill, which now awaits consideration by the full United States Senate.

“President Trump is committed to rebuilding our military after years of disinvestment from the previous administration, and Georgia’s military communities play a central role in carrying out that mission,” **said Senator Perdue.** “Last year, the Department of Defense completed its first-ever full financial audit. By keeping this audit on track for the second year, we can continue to ensure the Pentagon’s resources are spent responsibly as our women and men in uniform defend against evolving threats around the globe. This bill provides the resources our armed forces need to regain readiness, rebuild our military assets, and protect Americans at home and abroad.”

Senator Perdue’s provisions address a range of issues from readiness and supporting new missions to improving military housing conditions and providing disaster relief for bases. Here are some highlights:

- **Supports New Mission In Georgia:** Supports the Air Force’s plan for the Advanced Battle Management System (ABMS) and requires a personnel transition strategy in order to develop the initial cadre for ABMS from the current workforce at Robins Air Force Base.
- **Prevents Air Force Capability Gaps:** Holds the Air Force accountable for the timely development of ABMS, while also providing additional funding for development of ABMS and JSTARS sustainability to help prevent a capability gap.
- **Exposes Impact Of CRs:** Ensures responsible government funding by outlining the direct impacts that continuing resolutions (CRs) have on the Department of Defense’s ability to plan for future missions.
- **Prioritizes Accountability:** Keeps the DOD corrective action plans, brought on by the recent audit of the Department of Defense, on track as designed.
- **Improves Military Housing:** Includes various provisions to increase accountability of the Military Privatization Housing Initiative (MPHI) program, including creating a tenant bill of rights, designating a Chief Housing Officer, implementing a formal dispute resolution process on each military installation, and establishing a standard policy for lead-based paint inspection.

- **Creates U.S. Space Force:** Initiates the sixth branch of the United States military to organize, train, and equip space warfighters and address the reality that space is a contested domain, supporting a key priority of President Trump.
- **Examines China's Predatory Investments:** Requires an annual assessment on infrastructure projects funded through China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and their potential to be converted into Chinese military assets.
- **Starts Process To Create A Robotics Center:** Directs the Army to consider establishing a Robotic Development Center at the Army Maneuver Center of Excellence at Fort Benning, in order to integrate robotic system development and technology into the fighting force.
- **Privatizes Stormwater Utilities:** Supports a plan to privatize stormwater conveyance systems and ensure Georgia's bases are able to deal with increasing levels of stormwater in a cost-effective manner.
- **Promotes Military Spouse Employment:** Multiple provisions address issues with low rates of military spouse employment and provide better access to beneficial programs that will help military spouses navigate the challenges of military life while supporting their families and their service members.
- **Modernizes A-10 Aircraft:** Supports funding for the modernization and upgrades to A-10C, including those in the 23rd Fighter Group at Moody Air Force Base, which will help maintain the platform's effectiveness through the 2030s.
- **Ensures On-Time Delivery of Columbia-class:** Funds the continued development and procurement of the Columbia-class submarine to be stationed at Kings Bay, while also increasing support for the submarine industrial base and supply chain. Following recent delays, this bill provides proactive oversight to ensure the Columbia-class remains on track to be the lead submarine in FY28 and deployed by FY31.
- **Increases Cyber Institute Funding:** Increases funding for academic cyber institutes at colleges and universities to ensure a robust cyber pipeline for Active Duty, Guard, and Reservists and develop capabilities that will enable the warfighter to maintain dominance in cyberspace in the long run.
- **Provides Disaster Recovery For Georgia Bases:** Secures almost \$700 million for ongoing disaster recovery efforts at multiple military installations, including Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany and Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.
- **Improves Depot Infrastructure:** Requires the Secretary of Defense to formulate a strategy to improve depot infrastructure to ensure that depots have the capability and capacity to support the readiness and material availability goals of current and future weapons systems.
- **Expands Mentor-Protégé Program:** Supports Georgia small businesses by extending the Mentor- Protégé Program for three years and repealing the half-size standard restriction for protégé participants.

- **Incentivizes STEM Hiring:** Directs the Department of Defense to develop competitive strategies to recruit, hire, and retain America's best and brightest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.
- **Safeguards Georgia MilCon Projects:** Authorizes over \$200 million in funding for four major military construction projects in Georgia, including the Aircraft Maintenance Hangar at Hunter Army Airfield, the consolidated joint air dominance hangar at Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport, Phase 3 of the Air Force Reserve Command Headquarters at Robins Air Force Base, and Cyber Instructional Facility at Fort Gordon.
- **Bolsters STARBASE Program:** Increases support for STARBASE, a program that aims to improve the knowledge and skills of students in STEM. This program has locations in Atlanta, Savannah, Warner Robins Air Force Base, and Dobbins Air Reserve Base.
- **Establishes New Cyber Capabilities:** Secures funding for the Cyber Innovation Laboratory facility at Fort Gordon, which will give cyber warriors the ability to train in a realistic and adaptive threat environment.
- **Expands HBCU Research:** Increases opportunities for aerospace education and research at Historically Black Colleges and Universities across the country.
- **Sustains Marine Depot Maintenance:** Requires the Marine Corps to address its aging facilities at Production Plant Albany and Production Plant Barstow, and provide options on how it plans to increase throughput and efficiencies by adopting innovative processes and equipment solutions like automation, robotics, and welding positions.
- **Addresses Air Battle Manager Shortage:** Requires the Air Force to address the recent lack of Air Battle Manager accessions and how it plans to meet the necessary level for a sustainable inventory.
- **Promotes Georgia Industries:** Ensures funding for a wide range of military equipment and platforms that are produced by businesses across Georgia.

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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

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



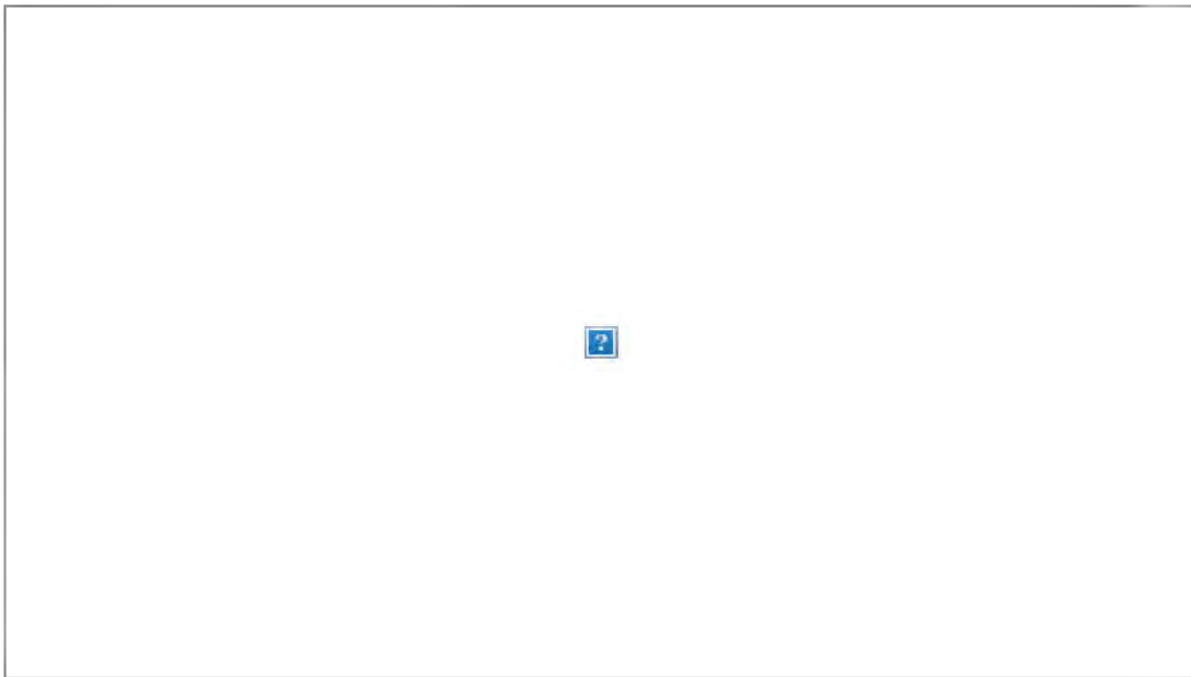
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 3, 2019

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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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: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senator David Perdue: We Are Facing A Full-Blown Humanitarian Crisis
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 4:11:18 PM

Hello,

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

Thank you.
Very Respectfully,
Kathy

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Subject: Senator David Perdue: We Are Facing A Full-Blown Humanitarian Crisis



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 26, 2019

Senator David Perdue: We Are Facing A Full-Blown Humanitarian Crisis

U.S. Senate Approves Bipartisan Emergency Package For Crisis At Southern Border

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA) comments on the United States Senate's passage of a bipartisan emergency package to address the humanitarian crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border:

“We are facing a full-blown humanitarian crisis at our southern border. Last month, over 84,000 family units and 11,000 unaccompanied children were apprehended by border patrol agents. Our agents are doing everything in their power to care for the families and children, but they are completely overwhelmed. President Trump knows this will only continue to escalate unless we find a bipartisan solution immediately. Now, Congress has the opportunity to provide law enforcement officials with some of the resources they need to do their job and address this heartbreaking situation. The U.S. Senate’s bipartisan package will take care of the immediate humanitarian needs, but much more needs to be done to close legal loopholes and secure our southern border.”

Background:

- Last week, Senator Perdue [spoke](#) on the U.S. Senate floor about the urgent need for additional resources to address the humanitarian crisis at the border.
- Earlier this year, Senator Perdue [visited](#) the southern border to meet with border patrol agents and see the crisis firsthand.

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

From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#); [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Temple City Manager
Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 5:38:34 PM

Joyce,

Today I met with William "Bill" Osborne, Temple City Manager in Carroll County. They are interested in speaking to someone from USDA Rural Economic Development. Can you have your folks reach out? Thanks!

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Sincerely,

Chris Perkins

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Harrison, Delaney \(Perdue\)](#); [Hayes, Jennifer \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: (b) (6)
Date: Sunday, February 24, 2019 10:31:57 PM
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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.

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Thank you for helping me out.

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: (b) (6) Secretary Perdue
Subject: The One USDA MyFPAC blog is live...Georgia National Fair & Georgia National Fair
Date: Thursday, October 31, 2019 2:18:34 PM
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Hello: I see you were at the fair on a day when I could not be there. (note the 2 pics). I wish I could have seen you. Believe it or not, USDA had **never** had a booth at the fair until last year when I asked Tas and Terrance to register with me and help Rural Development man a booth. They gladly did and our being presence at the fair these past 2 years has enabled us to get the word out about USDA's many services. Being in the Georgia Grown building pays dividends too in that we are able to visit with growers, rural citizens and with our friends at the Georgia Dept. of Ag.

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From: [Bowen, Kathleen](#)
To: ["White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA"](#)
Cc: ["Taylor, Jacqueline - RD, Athens, GA"](#)
Subject: This Thursday: ACCG - GMA Local Government Federal Advocacy Forum
Date: Monday, October 29, 2018 8:59:59 AM
Attachments: [Agenda GMA-ACCG Federal Advocacy Day \(final\).pdf](#)

Good morning – we are excited you can join us this Thursday for the ACCG – GMA Local Government Federal Advocacy Forum. We are expecting around 75 county and city officials to be in attendance.

Attached is the final agenda. We have you on the agenda with the two other federal agencies invited (Census and EPA). I would guess you'd be up around 2:30 pm. We have given you 10 – 15 minutes to cover whatever topics you want to bring to the attendees attention.

They are all somewhat familiar with what resources USDA can offer but a high level overview would be appropriate. I know you have been traveling the state so you can share how USDA is working with local governments currently.

Feel free to call me to discuss if needed; otherwise, we'll see you on Thursday.

ACCG - GMA Local Government Federal Advocacy Forum

Thursday, November 1, 2018

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Anderson Conference Center

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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

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Thanks!

Hope all is well with you Joyce!

Sincerely,

Chris Perkins

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From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Town of Moreland Mayor
Date: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:53:22 PM

Joyce,

Can you have your folks reach out to Moreland Mayor Dick Ford (Coweta County). I met with him last week and he is interested in what USDA Rural Economic Development could do for his town. Thanks!

Mayor Dick Ford

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Sincerely,

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From: [Pilgrim, Dawn - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [\(b\) \(6\) @avpride.com](#)
Cc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: USDA Funding
Date: Monday, March 4, 2019 11:31:49 AM
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[Resource Information.pdf](#)

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

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: (b) (6) [@buttschamber.com](#); (b) (6) [@buttscountyida.com](#)
Subject: USDA, Rural Development Program Information Sheet
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 3:33:49 PM
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[RD19 Program Matrix.pdf](#)

Hello Executive Director Jones and Executive Director White:

Senator David Perdue's field rep, Chris Perkins, requested I reach out to you, and I am more than happy to do so.

I am the State Director for USDA Rural Development in Georgia. Rural Development exists to help rural communities. We are basically a large bank that supplies long term, low interest loans to communities to help them develop economically. We can help with water systems, sewer systems and improve infrastructure in order to bring in business. We can provide funding to build clinics, hospitals, schools, libraries, child development centers, nursing homes, hotels, etc. We can provide loans to entrepreneurs. We can provide loans to grow and expand business. We love to fund projects that provide jobs to a community.

We have USDA housing loans for families who are low income. We also have a multi-family home program.

I have attached a brochure that lists our programs. If you have questions or if you already know the needs of your community and want to see if Rural Development can help, please feel free to call me or e-mail me back. I would very much enjoy meeting with you or talking with you. Thank you for all you do to serve Butts County.

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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Joyce White](#)
Subject: Valley Partnership Mtg
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 7:47:56 PM

Hi,

I am in a Valley Partnership meeting and Amy Carter/GDEcD Deputy Commissioner in Rural GA Initiatives is the guest speaker.

She just mentioned you as a resource for rural broadband! Rockstar!!

Do you have your documents outlining Rural Broadband grants/available funds that you shared in Macon on digits that you can send me? I would like to get those out to our Valley Partnership members.

I hope you are doing well!

Thank you Joyce.

Very Respectfully,
Kathy

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Stanek, Jack - RD, Athens GA](#)
Subject: Will Harris
Date: Thursday, September 20, 2018 11:13:46 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Will Harris of White Oak Pastures has asked Senator Perdue staffer, Kathy Burns, if she could get a yearly list of recipients of RD grants. Is this something we provide? I'm sure it is public knowledge, but I felt uneasy about it and need your opinion.

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

Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2018 12:25 PM

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

Subject: Fwd: Hello!

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Subject: Fwd: Hello and Congratulations

Hi Joyce,

I hope you are doing well! I received this question from a Constituent regarding a yearly list of recipients of USDA grants in Georgia. Would you happen to have access to that?

Keep cool out there!

Thank you

Kathy

"BY THE WAY, MS. BURNS, HAS THE LIST OF THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENTS BEEN PUBLISHED?

I'D LIKE TO SEE IT WHEN IT IS PUBLIC.

WILL."

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



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

From: Will Harris <will.harris@whiteoakpastures.com>
Date: 9/17/18 4:01 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Hello and Congratulations

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. BURNS.

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE COUNTY. I BELIEVE THAT CLAY COUNTY HAS THE HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE STATE.

WE HAVE 155 EMPLOYEES, WHICH I THINK MAKES US THE LARGEST FULL TIME EMPLOYER IN THE COUNTY. MORE IMPORTANTLY, OUR AVERAGE EMPLOYEE EARNED ALMOST TWICE THE COUNTY'S AVERAGE ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL INCOME LAST YEAR.

I HOPE THAT YOU, AND MAYBE EVEN SENATOR PERDUE, WILL VISIT US SOMETIMES. WE HAVE ON FARM LODGING AND AN ON FARM RESTAURANT. WE WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOU WHAT WE DO.

I APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE TODAY.

WILL.

On Mon, Sep 17, 2018 at 3:22 PM, Burns, Kathy (Perdue) <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov> wrote:

Hello Mr. Harris,

I represent Senator Perdue in Clay County and want to reach out to congratulate White Oak Pastures on the grant you have been approved for from USDA Rural Development. White Oak Pastures provides many jobs in Clay County and this grant will benefit the entire community.

If I can ever be of assistance to you on behalf of Senator Perdue, please let me know.

Congratulations again.

Very Respectfully,

Kathy Burns



Kathy Burns

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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Working together
Date: Saturday, April 27, 2019 9:56:32 AM

Hello,

I would like to share this update from Senator Perdue.

Very Respectfully,
Kathy Burns

As always, if you do not wish to receive these updates, please let me know. Thank you.

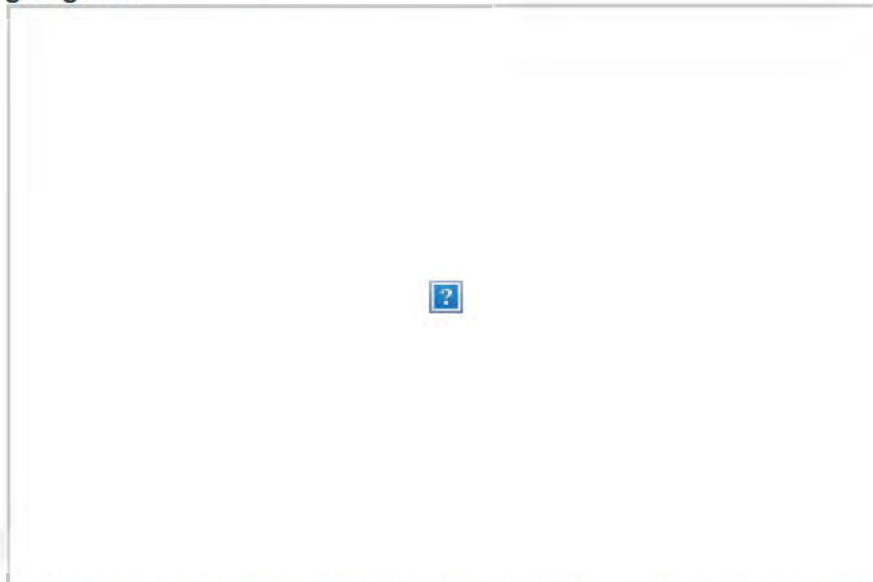
Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Subject: Working together



Here are a few things I thought you'd like to know:

1. Working Together



Georgia's Historically Black Colleges and Universities are one of our state's greatest assets. In last year's Farm Bill, Congressman David Scott (D-GA-13) and I worked together to secure funding for agriculture scholarships at HBCUs across the country, including Fort Valley State University in middle Georgia. These scholarships are a great step forward and will help encourage diverse leadership in our agricultural community.

Watch a recap of my visit to Fort Valley State University [here](#).

2. President Trump Visits Georgia



President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump were in Atlanta this week to meet with federal, state, and local professionals working to address the opioid epidemic. Too many of our friends, neighbors, and family members have been impacted by this crisis. President Trump knows this and has taken strong action to confront this challenge head on.

Learn more from [WSB-TV](#).

3. Booming Economy



The U.S. economy shattered expectations and grew at 3.2% in the first quarter of this year. On top of that, today we have the highest median income in U.S. history, the lowest total unemployment in 50 years, and the lowest African-American, Hispanic, and Asian-American unemployment ever recorded. Our economic agenda is producing real results for American families.

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Bcc: [Rounsaville, John - RD, Jackson, MS](#); [Proctor, Christopher - RD - Washington, DC](#); [Wilson, James - RD, Lexington, KY](#); [Wilber, Michael - RD, Montgomery, AL](#); [Legree, Shannon - RD, Washington, DC](#); [Millhiser, Randall - RD, Washington DC](#); [Bowen, Allen - RD, Montgomery, AL](#); [Gardner, Josef - RD, Midland, GA](#); [Beeker, Chris - RD, Montgomery, AL](#); [Hayes, Andrew - RD, Jacksonville, FL](#); [Roddy, Carolyn - RD, Washington, DC](#); [Turbeville, Debbie - RD, Columbia, SC](#); [Leslie, James - RD, Walterboro, SC](#); [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#); [Taylor, Reggie - RD, Athens, GA](#); [Dale, Gregory - RD, Washington, DC](#); [Baker, Shelley - RD, Montgomery, AL](#); [Legg, Hilda - RD, Lexington, KY](#); [Frantz, Timothy - RD, Great Bend, PA](#); [Harris, Quinton - RD, Tuskegee, AL](#)
Subject: Your Attendee Guide for the USDA ReConnect Program
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2019 6:27:36 PM
Attachments: [05.02.10 ReConnect Attendee Guide Atlanta .pdf](#)

Hello,

Thank you for registering for the two-day USDA ReConnect Program Workshop taking place in Auburn, Alabama on May 8 – 9, 2019.

The program is a combination of plenary and breakout sessions designed to equip attendees with the information needed in order to plan and submit ReConnect applications. Please refer to the attached guide intended to help you get the most of your time onsite. The document includes information on the workshop agenda, speakers, venue, directions, Wi-Fi, parking and more.

We look forward to meeting you during the ReConnect Program Workshop next week and supporting you with technical assistance questions.

From,
The USDA ReConnect Technical Assistance

From: [Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [uq-GA-rd](#)
Subject: new CF success story published today
Date: Monday, June 3, 2019 2:49:15 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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[Healthy Families, Chatsworth Adds Pediatric Care, Doubles Patient Visits.pdf](#)

Here is the weblink to the latest success story by Georgia USDA Rural Development:

Healthy Families, Chatsworth Adds Pediatric Care, Doubles Patient Visits -
<https://www.rd.usda.gov/newsroom/success-stories/healthy-families-chatsworth-adds-pediatric-care-doubles-patient-visits>

You can find additional success stories by topic and location (State) at the Rural Development website in the [Newsroom](#) section.

I'm currently hoping for a good GA Multifamily housing success story to write and stories for Area Three and Area Four to write up.... send any suggestions my way please.

Thank you,
 Deb

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From: [Jean M. Dykes](#)
To: ["tim.lummus@outlook.com"](#); [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA \(joyce.white@usda.gov\)](#); [Johnny Dykes \(Johnny.Dykes@Nafinc.com\)](#); ["White, Jeff"](#); [Bostwick, Sally](#)
Subject: one thing to make U.S. safe
Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2019 10:10:04 AM

This is good truth from Senator Perdue. He is right about we should be celebrating in the streets the death of an evil Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

Share as you see fit.

Jean

From: Senator Perdue [mailto:david@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2019 4:18 PM
To: Jean M. Dykes
Subject: ICYMI: Even after ISIS raid Dems won't do this one thing to make U.S. safe



In case you missed it...



**Even after ISIS raid Dems won't do this one thing to make U.S. safe
 By U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA)**
<https://fxn.ws/2NcfVLr>

Last weekend, President Trump announced incredible news for our country. Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the founder and self-proclaimed "caliph" of the depraved Islamic State terrorist group, was eliminated by U.S. forces. Al-Muhajir, who was set to replace al-Baghdadi, was also taken out.

This is a victory for our military, our country and the world. It is a triumph for global security.

Our entire country should be celebrating this victory, just as we did when Osama Bin Laden was killed. Instead, the death of the world's most wanted terrorist has been met by crickets. It's appalling to see the "Washington bubble elite" brush off this massive feat.

The day after al-Baghdadi was killed, some beltway insiders at the World Series actually booed Trump. The Washington Post, perhaps to downplay the significance of this achievement, produced a headline calling al-Baghdadi an "austere religious scholar."

This shows just how out of touch they are with reality.

When you consider what al-Baghdadi and his barbaric terrorist regime have done, these partisan antics look even more disgusting.

When al-Baghdadi founded ISIS, he had one goal in mind: apocalypse. He wanted to violently overthrow the world order and replace it with an Islamic caliphate.

We have seen how far they are willing to go to achieve that goal.

American journalists James Foley and Steven Sotloff were beheaded. Twenty-six-year-old Kayla Mueller, a humanitarian worker helping Syrian refugees, was forced into sex slavery and assaulted by al-Baghdadi repeatedly. She was later killed.

Twenty-one Coptic Christians were beheaded on a beach in Libya. A Jordanian pilot was set on fire inside a cage. Crucified bodies were hung up in conquered territories.

That liberals are attempting to minimize or distract from this news is insulting enough. However, they have taken further actions that directly threaten the future success of our ongoing campaign against ISIS.

Right now, Democrats are holding up passage of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and defense appropriations bills because they object to Trump's border wall. These bills provide the critical funding and necessary authorities for our military operations to succeed. Without full defense funding, our military will not be equipped to maintain its edge against America's enemies.

Democrats are putting politics over our women and men in uniform.

Over the last 50 years, there have been three separate occasions where military spending was cut by at least 25 percent – all from Democratic administrations.

That is precisely why Congress has passed the defense bill every year for nearly six decades, regardless of whatever political debate was going on at the time.

Now, Democrats are once again trying not to fund the military. They are putting politics over our women and men in uniform. They would rather obsess over the sham impeachment proceedings and the border wall than negotiate in good faith to pass the NDAA and fund the military.

This is absolutely reckless, because we still have more work to do in ending terrorism globally. Contrary to the left's propaganda, our strategy in Syria has not changed. We have not abandoned our partners, the Kurds. We are still working alongside them and the Coalition to Defeat ISIS in Syria.

Under President Trump, we are still committed to our strategy to defeat ISIS, protect Iraq, deter Iran and support Israel.

Consistent with that strategy, we eliminated their territorial caliphate earlier this year. We have just taken out the current ISIS leader and his potential successor. Now, we will deny ISIS access to revenue from oil fields to prevent it from reconstituting itself.

We can achieve this mission if we give our armed services the unified support they deserve. Passage of the NDAA and defense funding bills, as well as a bipartisan celebration of al-Baghdadi's death, is a good place to start.

Never forget, al-Baghdadi founded ISIS and inspired their many atrocities. This major victory warrants significant praise and lasting acknowledgment for the president and our military.

David Perdue is the junior U.S. Senator for Georgia.

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#); [Taylor, Jacqueline - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: speech for November 1 to GMA and ACCG
Date: Sunday, October 28, 2018 10:44:40 PM
Attachments: [speech for November 1 to GMA and ACCG.docx](#)

Hey Lea. I hope your weekend was great.

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Thanks.

From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: joyce.white@qa.usda.gov
Subject: Article
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 7:53:20 PM

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

Sincerely,

Chris Perkins

Field Representative

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From: [Zoller, Martha \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Automatic reply: Farm Bill Listening Session
Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 4:21:10 PM

I will be out of the office with very limited access to email. I will return your email on Thursday, April 19. For immediate help, please contact Delaney Harrison at delaney_harrison@perdue.senate.gov and she will direct your inquiry to the correct person.

Sincerely,

Martha Zoller

From: [Zoller, Martha \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Automatic reply: Hey From Joyce
Date: Friday, January 12, 2018 3:35:29 PM

I will be off for Christmas with limited access to email.

Martha Zoller

From: [White Joyce - RD Athens GA](#)
To: [Davis Karen - Athens GA](#)
Subject: Betty Jewett - U.S. Forest Service re Hightower #25 flood control dam, Towns County, GA
Date: Monday, June 18, 2018 11:27:45 AM
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Here you go Karen. I copied her e-mail signature line:



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From: Davis, Karen - Athens, GA
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2018 10:57 AM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: USDA - Hightower #25 flood control dam, Towns County, GA

Thank you. If you can tell me who he needs to contact, I will pass it on. I just want to reply to him somehow since I told him I would try to find out.

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From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2018 10:52 AM
To: Davis, Karen - Athens, GA <Karen.Davis@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: USDA - Hightower #25 flood control dam, Towns County, GA

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Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 10:02 AM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: USDA - Hightower #25 flood control dam, Towns County, GA

I have not heard anything concerning the dam as of yet. I would be happy to connect you w/Commissioner Cliff Bradshaw if need be! Let me know, and Happy Monday!! Best, Andrew

Regional Representative
 Office of United States Senator David A. Perdue (R-GA)
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Sent from iPhone

On Jun 8, 2018, at 12:26 PM, White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov> wrote:

Have you met with anyone concerning this road and dam in Towns County? Secondly, do you know who the new commissioner is?

From: "Davis, Karen - Athens, GA" <Karen.Davis@ga.usda.gov>
Date: Friday, June 8, 2018 at 10:11:03 AM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: USDA - Hightower #25 flood control dam, Towns County, GA

Joyce,
 Please read this and tell me if you know about it and do you know who he can contact to voice his concerns.

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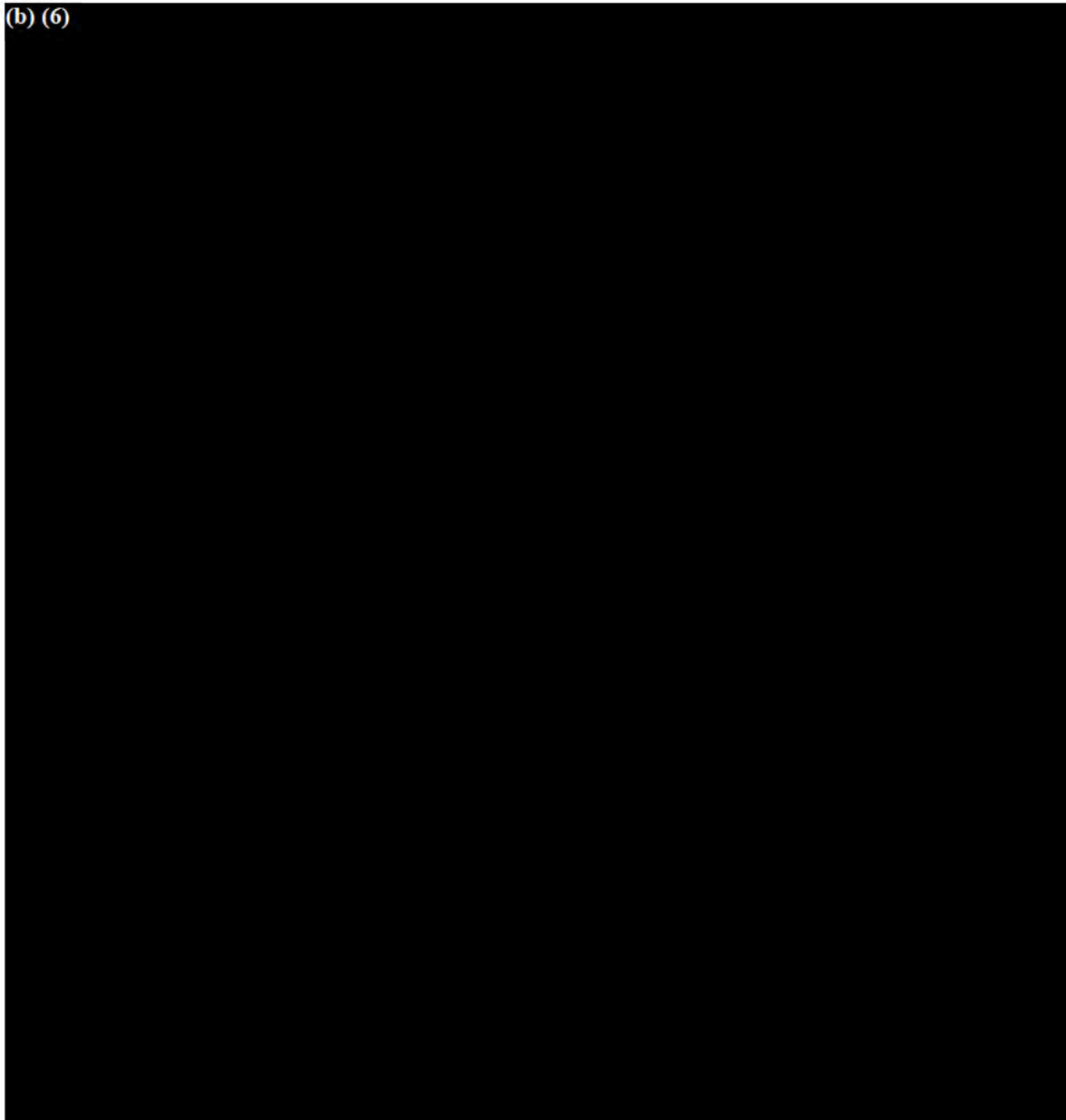
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From: Sellers, John H. (b) (6) [REDACTED]@GAPAC.com]
Sent: Friday, June 8, 2018 10:07 AM
To: Davis, Karen - Athens, GA <Karen.Davis@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: USDA - Hightower #25 flood control dam, Towns County, GA

Karen,

I was able to find your mail address from the USDA website. I would like to relate a problem to you and hope you can direct me to some avenue that might get it further attention.

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Can you help?

Sincerely,
John Sellers

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From: [Joyce White](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Bio
Date: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 12:37:28 PM
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[ATT00001.txt](#)

From: [Tina Coria](#)
To: [Ben Fry@perdue.senate.gov](#); "Brown, Toni (Isakson)"
Cc: (b) (6); "Tom McCullough"; "Jarrard, Joseph Franklin BG USARMY NG GAARNG (US)"; "Valeria MacPhail";
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 Wade"; (b) (6) [ll@gmail.com](#); "Fisher, Ruth (Isakson)"; "Zoller, Martha (Perdue)";
[greg_ziesenheim@perdue.senate.gov](#); (b) (6) [@yahoo.com](#); "King, Jasmine"; "Olsen, Kate"; "Bill
 Stenbridge"; [joyce.white@ga.usda.gov](#)
Subject: COL (RET) (b) (6) REQUEST TO MEET WITH SENATORS ISAKSON AND PERDUE
Date: Friday, March 2, 2018 6:59:23 PM
Attachments: [Georgian US Ambassador Kelly Departing Embassy Post.docx](#)
 (b) (6)
[BG \(Ret\) Thomas L. McCullough.pdf](#)

Hey Ben and Toni,

Please see the attached Press Release regarding Ambassador Ian Kelly's impending departure from the former Republic of Georgia and the US Department of State. It is my understanding that COL (Ret) (b) (6)

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In the interim, all hands on deck, as we determine the best avenue of pursuit!

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To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Congressional Brief
Date: Thursday, May 31, 2018 10:38:01 PM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)
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My name is Joyce White and I'm the USDA state director for Rural Development in Georgia.

Our mission here today is to put more tools in your toolbox so when you are traveling around in your districts,
And come across a specific need
You'll be able to think "Hmmm, I bet Rural Development might be able to help with this need.

I've been blessed to be able to work for Secretary Perdue when he was Governor and then Chief of Staff For Ag Commissioner Gary Black and State Director for Senator David Perdue and now here in this current position.

With that said, I think I have a unique perspective in that I can remember the phone ringing or attending an event on behalf of the Governor or Senator Perdue and a constituent needing help with something that I couldn't help them with and wished I would have had the answers for them. So today, we some answers that you may not know about and several of our program directors who can explain how we can help in several different areas.

But as an overview, if you'll take a look at your handout, you will see that rural development is divided up into 6 regions or areas.

We have a manager over each of these 6 areas and these folks are your go to people depending on your region.

Phone numbers on the back and I can give you the area director's name for each. We have one of our area directors here today and her name is Debra Bell Dison and she represents SW Georgia so Representative Sanford Bishop's area and some of Austin Scott's area. Our map doesn't match up completely with the congressional map.

If you look through here, you can see that we have loans and grants to help entrepreneurs start a small business or a large business add on to their business

loans to build schools, libraries or medical facilities or purchase medical equipment.

Building and bringing economic development to the small rural towns who have dried up.

We've had a push to get schools or hospitals or other training facilities to apply for our Distance Learning and Telemedicine grants. We held a STEM session a few months ago and out of that listening session we've had _____ applications for a DLT grant.

This administration has had a big push on STEM and on fighting the opioid crisis so extra dollars have been set aside for these issues. We are excited about the possibilities and opportunities these grants may bring our rural areas.

A major push of this administration is getting Broadband through out Georgia.

Field Rep Chris Perkins for Senator Perdue's Office has sent 3 different folks my way to see if we can help them. One is the city manager in Milner who wants to develop their downtown area. We want to help with that if we can

In your travels, and in meeting constituents, if you see a need you think we can help with, we want to be your first call.

Our number here is _____

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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov
Subject: Contact
Date: Friday, June 8, 2018 12:17:25 PM

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
Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue



From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: (b) (6) [@ga-aqribusiness.org](#)
Subject: FW:
Date: Monday, November 13, 2017 1:03:32 PM
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Thanks,

Joyce White
State Director, USDA
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From: Taylor, Jacqueline - RD, Athens, GA
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Subject: FW: 2018 Ham & Egg Legislative Breakfast Program
Date: Thursday, March 29, 2018 2:29:28 PM
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[2018-HamEgg-Program-PROOF-3.5.pdf](#)

Hi Joyce,

Deb received a draft of the 2018 program and shared it with us.

I am not sure if it changed from the one they shared with you earlier, but just in case.

Lea

From: Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2018 10:25 AM
To: Taylor, Jacqueline - RD, Athens, GA <Jacqueline.Taylor@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: 2018 Ham & Egg Legislative Breakfast Program

Oops... I did receive the draft of the 2018 Ham and Egg program...its attached!

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From: Moten-Thomas, Joy (b) (6) [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@fvsu.edu](mailto:[REDACTED]@fvsu.edu)>
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 1:41 PM
To: Gamboney, Cheryl - RD, Washington, DC <Cheryl.Gamboney@wdc.usda.gov>
Cc: Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA <Deborah.Callahan@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: 2018 Ham & Egg Legislative Breakfast Program

Good afternoon Ms. Gamboney,

As a follow-up to yesterday's conversation, I have attached the latest draft of our program booklet for your review. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,



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From: [Taylor, Jacqueline - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: FW: 2018 Ham & Egg Legislative Breakfast Program
Date: Monday, April 2, 2018 9:19:28 AM
Attachments: [2018-HamEgg-Program-PROOF-3.5.pdf](#)

From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [\(b\) @qfb.org](#)
Subject: FW: Bio for Joyce White
Date: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 12:57:57 PM

Hey Jay: Thanks so much for your phone call this morning, and (b) (6)

I thought the bio I submitted to the USDA Office in Washington might be helpful to you, and please know you can call me anytime for anything you might need. The bio is below:

Joyce M. White graduated from Clayton State University and began a 21 year career as an Executive Assistant working for the CEO of Georgia-Pacific Corporation. In January 2003 she was offered the opportunity to work as Governor Sonny Perdue's Executive Assistant and Office Manager and was honored and humbled to do so. After Governor Perdue's Governorship ended in 2011, she returned to Georgia-Pacific as a manager in their Government Affairs Department.

In 2012, she was offered the Chief of Staff position at the Georgia Department of Agriculture and accepted and enjoyed overseeing the Communications, Government Affairs, Constituent Services and the Executive Office. When U.S. Senator David Perdue was elected to his U.S. Senate, he called on Joyce to head up his Georgia office and on January 6, 2015 she accepted the position of State Director for U.S. Senator David Perdue.

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: martha_zoller@perdue.senate.gov
Subject: FW: Civil Rights Realignment Teleconference
Date: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 9:57:36 PM

Dang it. The DC office has scheduled a conference call for tomorrow at 1:00 to 2:00. I just received the invite this evening. I'll have to try for lunch another day that you are in Athens. Forgive me. I know you understand better than anyone, but I was looking forward to catching up face to face. Maybe next week will work.

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From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 9:33 PM
To: Adams, Bertina - RD, Washington, DC
Subject: Accepted: (b)(5) Deliberative Teleconference
When: Thursday, January 4, 2018 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: (b) (6)

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 Cc: Stanek Jack - RD Athens GA; Jones Justin - RD Athens GA; Adair William - RD Athens GA; McReynolds Christie - RD Washington DC; White Joyce - RD Athens GA
 Subject: FW: Congratulations City of Abbeville: USDA News Release - "USDA Invests \$256 Million in Water Infrastructure in Rural Communities"
 Date: Thursday, May 24, 2018 9 05:14 AM
 Attachments: image001.png
 USDARDWEPDirectLoansNRChartMay2018.pdf
 05.23.2018 - RD News Release - Water and Wastewater Infrastructure.pdf

Mr. Estes wanted to say thanks to everyone who assisted with the Abbeville water project.

From: Mayor Michael Estes Mayor Michael (b) (6) @abbevillegeorgia.org]
 Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 8 03 PM
 To: Tom Sloope (b) (6) @cartersloope.com>; Beth Smith (b) (6) @abbevillegeorgia.org>; Rhonda Henderson (b) (6) @abbevillegeorgia.org>; Little, Marcella - RD, Tifton, GA <Marcella.Little@ga.usda.gov>; greg_ziesenhene@perdue.senate.gov>; Sarah_Baska@perdue.senate.gov
 Subject: Fwd: Congratulations City of Abbeville: USDA News Release - "USDA Invests \$256 Million in Water Infrastructure in Rural Communities"

Praise the Lord!!!!

The city of Abbeville is very appreciative for this grant/loan. Thanks to all for putting this together and getting this done!

We are a very small community that needs and appreciates help for our infrastructure.

PTL, PTL

Thanks, thanks, and again thanks,

Mayor Michael T. Estes
 215 S. Depot St.
 Abbeville, Ga 31001
 ph. 229-467-3201
 (b) (6) @abbevillegeorgia.org

PS I know that there are some others that helped. So please let everyone know that helped put this together that the city of Abbeville, Ga. deeply appreciates the hard work that was done on our behalf. May God Bless ya'!!!!

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

From: "Ziesenhene, Greg (Perdue)" <Greg_Ziesenhene@perdue.senate.gov>
 To: (b) (6) @windstream.net" (b) (6) @windstream.net>
 Cc: "Baska, Sarah (Perdue)" <Sarah_Baska@perdue.senate.gov>
 Date: May 23, 2018 at 2:26 PM
 Subject: Congratulations City of Abbeville: USDA News Release - "USDA Invests \$256 Million in Water Infrastructure in Rural Communities"

Good Afternoon Mayor Estes:

Hello Michael!

Today, the Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue received some great news in the recent

USDA News Release, "USDA Invests \$256 Million in Water Infrastructure in Rural Communities."

CONGRATULATIONS! The City of Abbeville (Wilcox County), GA is receiving a \$3.9 million Rural Development investment (\$1,582,500 in grant money, and \$2,340,000 in loans)

to improve Abbeville's water system distribution network.

Please see below and attached. Congratulations again! Look forward to seeing you soon!

Very respectfully,

Greg Z

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Water and Waste Disposal Program Funding – USDA Rural Development May 23, 2018

GA	U.S. Senators David Perdue Johnny Isakson	U.S. Representative Austin Scott (08)	City of Abbeville	GRANT Amount: \$1,582,500	Loan Amount: \$2,340,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to improve a water system distribution network containing several water mains that are failing due to age. Additionally, the system lacks a reliable redundant water supply. To correct these issues, this project will replace cast iron water mains with PVC water mains. A deep water well will be drilled to provide a back-up water supply and increase the city's capacity. The project will also include installation of gate valves and fire hydrants throughout the system and construct a chemical feed building to house the new water well and associated treatment equipment.
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From: [White Joyce - RD Athens GA](#)
To: [Zoller Martha \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: FW: Courtesy Copy: Join us! USDA and SBA Team Up for Business Event on July 25 in NE Georgia
Date: Friday, June 22, 2018 11:51:57 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Hey Martha: It was great talking to you for a few minutes this morning.

Below is the event I was telling you about. It is co hosted by the Small Business Administration and my organization, USDA Rural Development.

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I just wanted you to know in case you can attend or maybe Andrew can stop by.

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Wednesday, July 25, 2018
 Jaemor Farms - The Barn
 5340 Cornelia Hwy
 Alto, GA 30510
 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Eastern)

- [GA_SBA_USDA_RuralStrong.pdf](#)

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From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: joyce.white@qa.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 (b) (6) [REDACTED]@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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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Cc: [Jessica Perdue](#)
Subject: FW: Farmer Request
Date: Thursday, March 8, 2018 9:03:41 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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[20180308084438172.pdf](#)

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From: [Ziesenhene, Greg \(Perdue\)](#)
To: joyce.white@ga.usda.gov
Subject: FW: Follow-up re request: Houston Home Journal (Cheri Adams)--Interview(s) w/ Sen Perdue & AgSec Perdue
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 11:45:41 AM

Hey Joyce! The Houston Home Journal (HHJ) would like to do a "joint" feature story on the Senator & the Secretary. They are currently in contact with our Comms Staff.

See note below.

For your awareness: I gave Publisher Cheri Adams your name and e-mail address as an "initial" point of contact for the Secretary's Office.

HHJ Contact information:

Cheri Adams, Publisher

(b) (6) [@hhjnews.com](mailto: @hhjnews.com)

Houston Home Journal Office

P.O. Box 1910

1210 Washington Street

Perry, GA 31069

478-987-1823, ext. (b) (6)

From: Ziesenhene, Greg (Perdue)
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 11:37 AM
To: (b) (6) [@hhjnews.com](mailto: @hhjnews.com); (b) (6) [@hhjnews.com](mailto: @hhjnews.com)>
Subject: Follow-up re request: Houston Home Journal (Cheri Adams)--Interview(s) w/ Sen Perdue & AgSec Perdue

Hey Cheri!

For your awareness, I sent a note to our Comms Team regarding your request to move forward and begin the coordination process to setup interviews or an interview, understanding that a "single joint interview" is "preferred," for a proposed "joint" feature story on Senator David Perdue & AG Secretary Sonny Perdue.

Understand, that you've had some contact with our office (Jenni) on this since we spoke last week.

If you need an "initial" point of contact for AgSec Sonny Perdue's Office, I'd recommend Ms. Joyce White, GA Director of Rural Development.

Joyce can connect you to the proper point of contact in DC for AgSec Perdue's Staff

Her e-mail address: joyce.white@ga.usda.gov

Very respectfully,

Greg Z

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To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: FW: Last Year's Ham & Egg Legislative Program
Date: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 9:53:36 AM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
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[image006.png](#)
[image007.png](#)
[2017 Ham Egg Program - Draft.pdf](#)

Hi Joyce, Below is the email Deb shared with me and Jack.

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From: Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 9:29 AM
To: Stanek, Jack - RD, Athens GA <Jack.Stanek@ga.usda.gov>; Taylor, Jacqueline - RD, Athens, GA <Jacqueline.Taylor@ga.usda.gov>
Cc: Gamboney, Cheryl - RD, Washington, DC <Cheryl.Gamboney@wdc.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Last Year's Ham & Egg Legislative Program

Lea and Jack,

I reached out to Joy at FVSU. The significance of the Ham and Egg breakfast is on pages 6-8 of the attached pdf.

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From: Moten-Thomas, Joy (b) (6) [REDACTED]@fvsu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 9:24 AM
To: Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA <Deborah.Callahan@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Last Year's Ham & Egg Legislative Program

Here you go....



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From: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: FW: MEDIA ADVISORY: Senator David Perdue & Secretary Sonny Perdue To Visit Georgia Agriculture Leaders
Date: Thursday, July 12, 2018 10:55:40 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

FYI:

From: Vanvick, Caroline (Perdue) [mailto:Caroline_Vanvick@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 10:17 AM
To: Vanvick, Caroline (Perdue) <Caroline_Vanvick@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: MEDIA ADVISORY: Senator David Perdue & Secretary Sonny Perdue To Visit Georgia Agriculture Leaders



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 12, 2018

CONTACTS:
[Caroline Vanvick](#), 202-224-6594
[Casey Black](#), 202-224-1324

MEDIA ADVISORY:

Senator David Perdue & Secretary Sonny Perdue To Visit Georgia Agriculture Leaders

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Friday, July 13, U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA) and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue will travel across Georgia to hear from farmers, foresters, researchers, and stakeholders in the agriculture industry. Senator Perdue and Secretary Perdue will participate in a roundtable discussion at Lewis Taylor Farms and a stakeholder meeting at the Georgia Forestry Association with Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black, before touring the UGA Griffin Campus. They will also stop for lunch in their home county of Houston.

Senator Perdue, Secretary Perdue, and Commissioner Black Tour Lewis Taylor Farms

WHAT: Senator Perdue, Secretary Perdue, and Commissioner Black tour Lewis Taylor Farms and participate in a roundtable with Southwest Georgia agriculture leaders. Following the roundtable, they will hold a media availability.

WHEN: Friday, July 13th, 2018, 9:00 a.m. EDT

WHERE: 195 Ty Ty Omega Road, Tifton, Georgia 31793

Senator Perdue and Secretary Perdue Hold Media Availability at the White Diamond

Grill

WHAT: Senator Perdue and Secretary Perdue hold a media availability outside of the White Diamond Grill.

WHEN: Friday, July 13th, 2018, 12:30 p.m. EDT

WHERE: 497 GA-247, Bonaire, Georgia 31005

Senator Perdue, Secretary Perdue, and Commissioner Black Participate in a Stakeholder Meeting at the Georgia Forestry Association

WHAT: Senator Perdue, Secretary Perdue, and Commissioner Black participate in a stakeholder meeting at the Georgia Forestry Association. Following the event, they will hold a media availability.

WHEN: Friday, July 13th, 1:30 p.m. EDT

WHERE: 551 North Frontage Road, Forsyth, Georgia 31029

Secretary Perdue and Senator Perdue Tour UGA Griffin Campus

WHAT: Senator Perdue and Secretary Perdue tour UGA Griffin's Turfgrass and Weed Science facility and receive a briefing on current research from faculty. Following the event, they will hold a media availability.

WHEN: Friday, July 13th, 3:20 p.m. EDT

WHERE: 1109 Experiment Street, Griffin, Georgia 30223

****NOTE: Media interested in attending must RSVP to press@oc.usda.gov by THURSDAY, July 12th at 6:00 p.m. EST.***

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From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: FW: Opioid Grants
Date: Thursday, June 14, 2018 4:58:58 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Did you get a chance to speak with Mary Norman? I am attending a meeting of hers next week.

Chris Perkins

From: Perkins, Chris (Perdue)
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 11:30 AM
To: 'White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA' <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Opioid Grants

Thanks Joyce!

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [<mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 10:13 AM
To: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Opioid Grants

Hey Chris: I just got in late last night from a conference, but I'll give her a call for sure.

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Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 5:24 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Opioid Grants

Joyce,

Just spoke with a women that works on the Opioid crisis in Coweta County. Could you contact her and see if USDA can give them any help?

Mary Norman

(b) (6) [.avpride@gmail.com](mailto:avpride@gmail.com)

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Sincerely,

Chris Perkins

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From: [Brown, Leslie - RD, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Cc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: FW: Privacy act - (b) (6)
Date: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 4:22:30 PM
Attachments: [David Perdue - Christopher Barnard.pdf](#)

Hi Deborah.

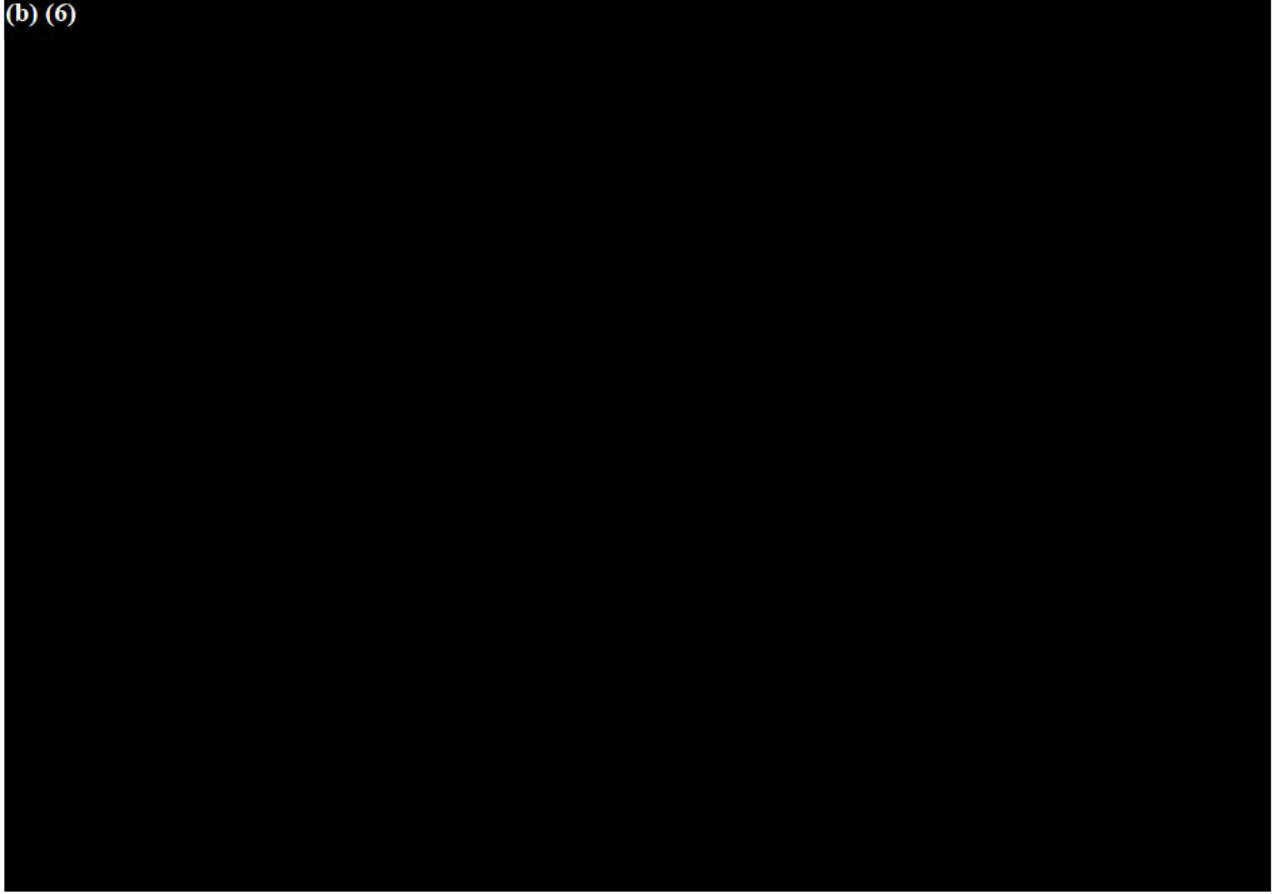
Please see the email below regarding the pending Section 502 Single Family Housing loan application of (b) (6) (b)(5) Deliberative Process

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Here's the inquiry:

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Please advise.

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Ross, Katherine - RD, Sandersville, GA](#)
Subject: FW: Response for Dr. Buchanan
Date: Friday, July 27, 2018 2:33:19 PM
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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
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----- 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: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: FW: Rural Dev & Grants
Date: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 12:06:38 PM
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Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 3:49 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Rural Dev & Grants

Joyce,

I met this week with 2 board members and the executive director of the Heard County Development Authority. I told them about you and the work being done at USDA for rural counties. They would like to speak to someone in your office about it.

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Sincerely,

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From: [White Joyce - RD Athens GA](#)
To: [Davis Karen - Athens GA](#)
Subject: FW: USDA - Hightower #25 flood control dam, Towns County, GA
Date: Monday, June 18, 2018 10:51:34 AM
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Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 10:02 AM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: USDA - Hightower #25 flood control dam, Towns County, GA

I have not heard anything concerning the dam as of yet. I would be happy to connect you w/Commissioner Cliff Bradshaw if need be! Let me know, and Happy Monday!! Best, Andrew

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

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On Jun 8, 2018, at 12:26 PM, White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov> wrote:

Have you met with anyone concerning this road and dam in Towns County? Secondly, do you know who the new commissioner is?

From: "Davis, Karen - Athens, GA" <Karen.Davis@ga.usda.gov>
Date: Friday, June 8, 2018 at 10:11:03 AM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: USDA - Hightower #25 flood control dam, Towns County, GA

Joyce,
 Please read this and tell me if you know about it and do you know who he can contact to voice his concerns.

Karen

Athens, GA 30605

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



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Subject: Farm Bill Listening Session
Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 4:20:15 PM
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Can you please send to me the details of the FB listening session you are planning for April 27? Who can attend? Where, what time? Who is speaking? Thanks.

Hope you are great.

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [White, Jeff](#)
Subject: First Page of Speech - my background
Date: Sunday, August 19, 2018 9:54:06 PM
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From: [Fry, Ben \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Friday
Date: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 5:19:11 PM

Joyce,

We've nailed down times! Please see below.

9 AM

Lewis Taylor Farms
195 Ty Ty Omega Road
Tifton, GA
Farm tour and working breakfast with stakeholders

1:35 PM

Georgia Forestry Association
551 North Frontage Road
Forsyth, GA
Townhall with forestry stakeholders

3:20 PM

UGA Griffin Campus
1109 Experiment Street
Griffin, GA
Tour of turf building and seed bank

Let me know if you need anything else from me.

Thanks,

Ben

From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: ben.fry@perdue.senate.gov
Subject: Friday, July 13
Date: Monday, July 9, 2018 12:56:38 PM
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Good afternoon! I hope you had a great 4th of July. (b) (6)

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I have a good deal of travel this week, and so I'm just trying to get my days planned out. I'm in

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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 11:13:13 PM

Always great seeing you Joyce! Really enjoyed Ms. Hazlett's presentation and meeting her today.
Greg

From: [Ziesenhene, Greg \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Fwd: Announcement-Joint Select Committee Assignment
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 8:38:06 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: [Ziesenhene, Greg \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Poling, Caitlin \(Perdue\)](#)
Cc: [Fry, Ben \(Perdue\)](#); [Zoller, Martha \(Perdue\)](#); [Hancock, Lauren \(Perdue\)](#); joyce.white@ga.usda.gov
Subject: Fwd: COL (b) (6) AS AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO GEORGIA
Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 4:31:21 PM
Attachments: (b) (6)

Caitlin,

(b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

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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) <(b) (6)>, "Gravley, Micah" <micah.gravley@house.ga.gov>, "Micah Gravley II" (b) (6) <[@yahoo.com](mailto:(b) (6)@yahoo.com)>, (b) (6) <[@yahoo.com](mailto:(b) (6)@yahoo.com)>, "Tom McCullough" (b) (6) <[@comcast.net](mailto:(b) (6)@comcast.net)>, <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) <[@gmail.com](mailto:(b) (6)@gmail.com)>
Subject: COL (b) (6) AS AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO GEORGIA

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)

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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

To: Tina Coria (b) (6) <[@mindspring.com](mailto:(b)(6)@mindspring.com)>; Gravley, Micah
<micah.gravley@house.ga.gov>; Micah Gravley II (b) (6) <[@yahoo.com](mailto:(b)(6)@yahoo.com)>;
(b) (6) <[@yahoo.com](mailto:(b)(6)@yahoo.com)>; Tom McCullough (b) (6) <[@comcast.net](mailto:(b)(6)@comcast.net)>;
greg_ziesenhene@perdue.senate.gov

Subject:

Hi all,

(b) (6)



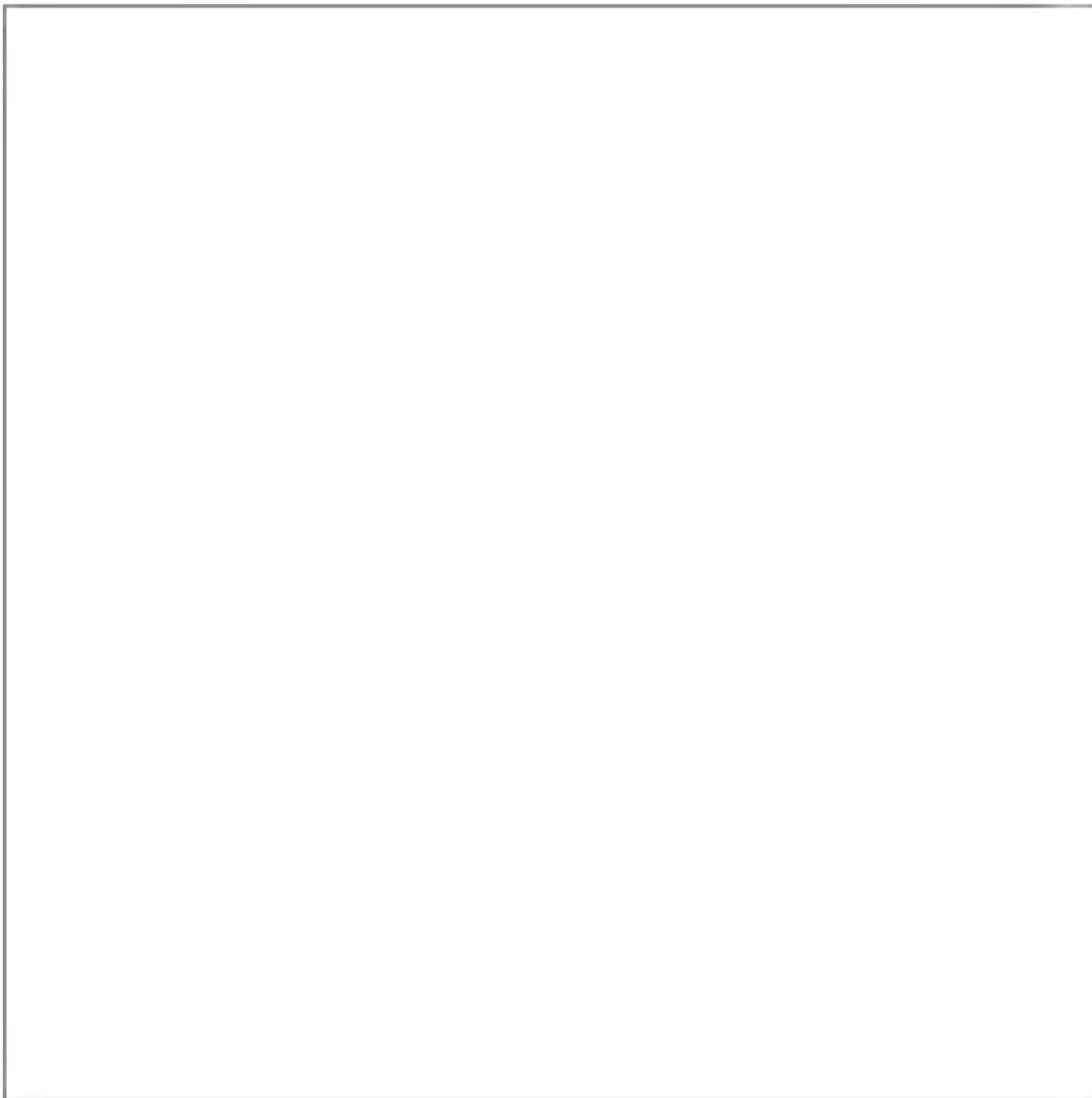
From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: charles_white@perdue.senate.gov
Subject: Fwd: Georgia Farm Bureau's January 24 GFB News Alert
Date: Friday, January 26, 2018 4:54:12 PM

Hey Charles. In the GFB newspaper, it mentions Phil Redding, former GFB State Director passing away. (b) (6)

Hope you are great. Thanks.

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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



An ag news publication from the GFB Information/PR Department

January 24, 2018 . Vol. 36, No. 2

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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!

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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

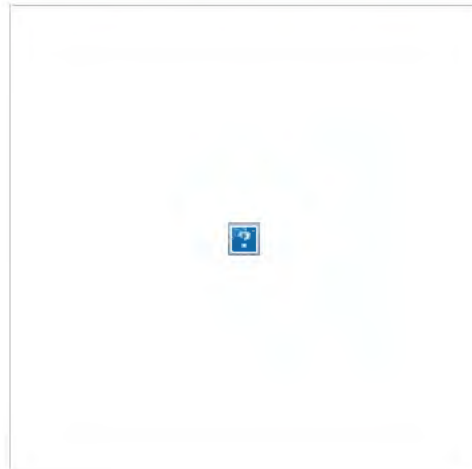
SOYBEAN SHORT COURSE

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

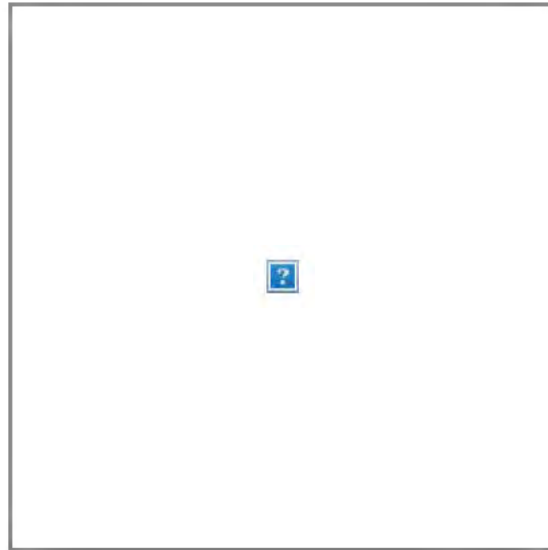
CONSERVATION PRODUCTION SYSTEMS TRAINING CONFERENCE

March 15-16 Augusta Technical College, Waynesboro

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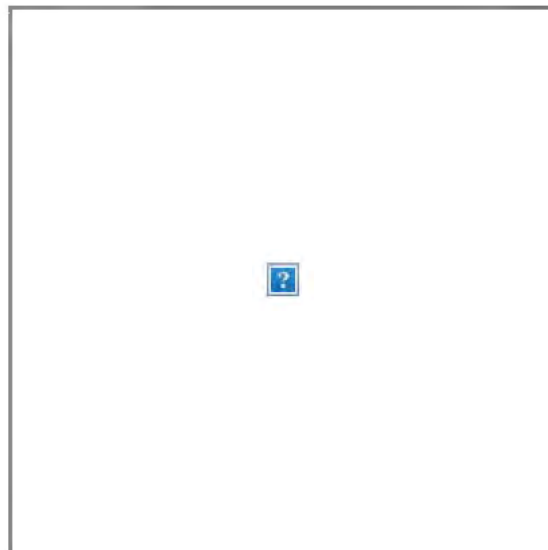


From the Georgia Farm Monitor:
Savannah Hosts Southeast Fruit and Vegetable Growers Event



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

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

Thanks Paul. Well worth an additional email.

Debbie Johnston
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From: "Boyle, Paul" (b) (6) <(b) (6)@newsmediaalliance.org>
 To: Peggy Duxbury (b) (6) <(b) (6)y@gmail.com>, Seth Kursman (b) (6) <(b) (6)@resolutefp.com>, Debbie Johnston/COMM/LU/CSO (b) (6) <(b) (6)@resolutefp.com>, (b) (6) <(b) (6)@resolutefp.com>, (b) (6) <(b) (6)@resolutefp.com>, Charles Hood (b) (6) <(b) (6)@rayonieram.com>, (b) (6) <(b) (6)@kruger.com>, (b) (6) <(b) (6)@kruger.com>, Matt Wise (b) (6) <(b) (6)@crshq.com>, Alan MacLeod (b) (6) <(b) (6)@capstonenp.com>, Patrick Henderson (b) (6) <(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

Paul Boyle
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[attachment "Printers letter to Secretary of Commerce on UGW Case.pdf" deleted by Debbie]

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From: (b) (6) OSEC, Washington, DC **Perdue Alias**
 To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
 Subject: Fwd: National Watermelon Promotion Board
 Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 6:17:00 AM

FYI for Buddy.

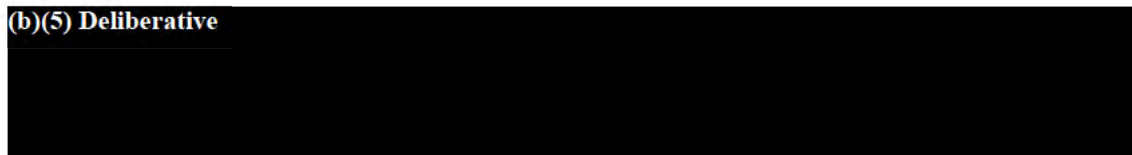
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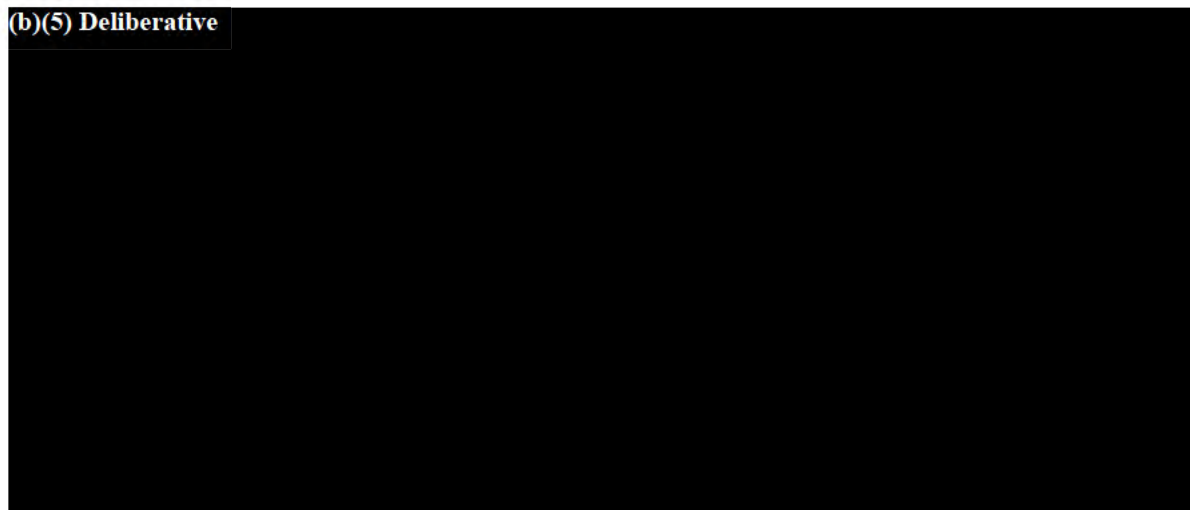
From: "Hoskins, Dudley - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Dudley.Hoskins@osec.usda.gov>
Date: April 17, 2018 at 2:53:43 PM EDT
To: (b) (6) OSEC, Washington, DC" (b) (6) **Perdue Alias**
Cc: "Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov>, "Ibach, Greg - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Greg.Ibach@osec.usda.gov>, "Crowe, Taylor - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Taylor.Crowe@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: National Watermelon Promotion Board

Mr. Secretary, Sir:

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Please advise if you would like any additional information at this time.

Dudley Hoskins

(b) (6) (direct)

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dudley.hoskins@osec.usda.gov

From: USDA Office of Communications [<mailto:usda@public.govdelivery.com>]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 1:03 PM
To: Hoskins, Dudley - OSEC, Washington, DC <Dudley.Hoskins@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: USDA Announces National Watermelon Promotion Board Appointments

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USDA Announces National Watermelon Promotion Board Appointments

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18, 2017 -- Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue today announced the appointment of 13 individuals to serve on the National Watermelon Promotion Board. Members newly appointed to serve three-year terms are:

- Ernesto Chamberlain, Nogales, Ariz.
- Christian Murillo, Nogales, Ariz.
- Dan O'Connor, Pompano Beach, Fla.
- Chadelle Robinson, Las Cruces, N.M.
- Gerardo A. Lozano, Edinburg, Texas
- Ward Thomas, McAllen, Texas

Members re-appointed include:

- Mathew Singletary, Alva, Fla.
- James F. Shepherd, Fort Myers, Fla.
- Lee Wroten, Lakeland, Fla.
- Alan M. Guzi, Pompano Beach, Fla.
- Rolando Rosales, Pompano Beach, Fla.
- Katelyn Kelley Miller, Punta Gorda, Fla.
- Jeff Fawcett, of Edinburg, Texas

“Growers, shippers and importers of watermelon in the United States will be well served by these individuals who provide key direction on research, information gathering and promotions to support the watermelon industry as it works to meet consumer demand,” Perdue said.

The 37-member board is composed of 14 producers, 14 handlers, eight importers and one public member. Since 1966, Congress has authorized 22 industry-funded research and promotion boards to provide a framework for agricultural industries to pool resources and combine efforts to develop new markets, strengthen existing markets and conduct important research and promotion activities. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) provides oversight, paid for by industry assessments, which helps ensure fiscal responsibility, program efficiency and fair treatment of participating stakeholders.

More information about the board is available on the [National Watermelon Promotion Board page](#) on the AMS website and the [National Watermelon Promotion Board website](#).

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Davis, Karen - Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Fwd: USDA Value Added Producer Grant question
Date: Friday, June 29, 2018 10:34:30 PM

Karen. Charles White reported to me when I was with Senator Perdue. He is a great field rep and looks like one of his constituents has a question about the Value Added Producer Grant they applied for. Can you answer his question? You will have to follow the email stream.

Thanks

Joyce

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
404-782-8020
Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue

On Jun 29, 2018, at 11:03 AM, Chris Paulk (b) (6) <@muscadineproductsco.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.

(b) (4) [REDACTED]

(b) (4) [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your help.

Chris

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Chris G. Paulk - MPC

Helping others add value to what matters most.

1788 Satilla Rd | Wray, GA 31798 | w: 229.468.7873x102 |

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Jean M. Dykes](#)
Subject: Gerald Long Quoted in this
Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018 10:03:27 AM
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This is an example of Sonny Perdue and David Perdue working together. Gerald Long is quoted in this, but in summary, the Perdue's put together a **Farm Service Agency Loan Flexibility Act** to allow farmers to borrow money at a discounted rate from USDA. This falls under the agency called Farm Services Agency (FSA) that Tas is heading up for Georgia so Tas would be our "go to" person if we knew a farmer needing help.

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From: Burns, Kathy (Perdue) [mailto:Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Saturday, March 10, 2018 9:58 AM
To: Burns, Kathy (Perdue) <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Senator David Perdue Works To Strengthen Farm Lending Program

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

OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR DAVID A. PERDUE (R-GA)

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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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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.

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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Joyce White](#)
Subject: Hello!
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2018 8:55:36 AM

Hi Joyce,

I hope you are doing well and enjoying your new position.

I visited with Greg Turton in Cordele on Tuesday and he is excited about your visit on Friday. The service he provides is interesting and addresses the issue of high speed internet which is so needed in rural Georgia.

Yesterday at our Mobile Office Hours in Cuthbert, the President of Andrew College attended and followed up in an email that she would like for me to return to tour the campus with, Joyce White from the USDA! It would be wonderful to be able to see you there!

Safe travels and I hope to see you soon.

Best to you
Kathy

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



From: [Natalie Connell](#)
To: joyce.white@ga.usda.gov
Subject: Introducing Georgia State Director Joyce White!
Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 3:54:46 PM
Attachments: [2017 Lenders Roundtable Agenda - DC.pdf](#)

Joyce,

On behalf of the National Rural Lenders' Roundtable, I would like to congratulate you on your role as State Director for USDA Rural Development in Georgia!

We would also like to extend an invitation for you to join us at our annual National Rural Lenders' Roundtable event in DC on Thursday, December 7th. Please see attached for the agenda.

Best Regards,
Natalie

From: "USDA Rural Development" <ruraldevelopment@public.govdelivery.com>
To: mike@usaf2.com
Cc:
Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2017 14:37:28 -0600
Subject: **Introducing Georgia State Director Joyce White!**

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Trump Administration Appoints Joyce White to Serve as State Director for USDA Rural Development in Georgia

The Trump Administration recently appointed Joyce White as the new State Director for USDA Rural Development in Georgia. White began her new role on 6, November 2017.

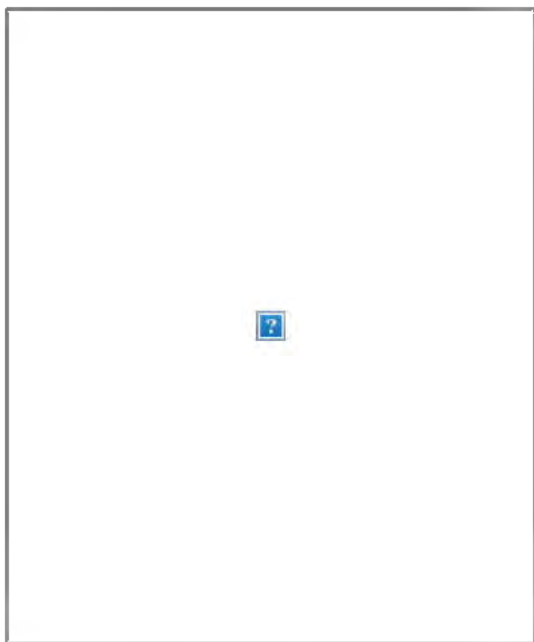
White served as Chief of Staff in the Georgia Department of Agriculture, was an executive assistant for the CEO of Georgia-Pacific, served the same role in Governor Sonny Perdue's office, and has focused on helping rural Georgia. She graduated from Clayton State University.

As State Director, White will use her leadership experience to oversee Rural Development programs in a customer-focused manner to restore prosperity in rural Georgia.

Under the direction of Secretary Sonny Perdue, the USDA will always be facts-based and data-driven, with a decision-making mindset that is customer-focused. Secretary Perdue leads the USDA with four guiding principles: to maximize the ability of American agriculture to create jobs, sell foods and fiber, and feed and clothe the world; to prioritize customer service for the taxpayers; to ensure that our food supply is safe and secure; and to maintain good stewardship of the natural resources that provide us with our miraculous bounty. And understanding that we live in a global economy where trade is of top importance, Secretary Perdue has pledged to be an unapologetic advocate for American agriculture.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; homeownership; community services such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov.

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From: [Tostensen, Sam \(Perdue\)](#)
To: joyce.white@qa.usda.gov
Cc: [\(b\) @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
(404) 782-8083

From: [Kaye, Charlotte \(Perdue\)](#)
To: joyce.white@qa.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

From: [Zoller, Martha \(Perdue\)](#)
To: Joyce.White@qa.usda.gov
Subject: Listening tour
Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 5:18:16 PM
Attachments: [Calendar_004.ics](#)

Here's what I have so far.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Martha Zoller

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

From: [Fry, Ben \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Date: Monday, April 2, 2018 3:27:47 PM

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Made no commitments other than I would pass the message along.

Thanks,

Ben

From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: joyce.white@ga.usda.gov
Subject: Mayor of Grantville
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 7:25:47 PM

Joyce,

Good talking to you tonight. Catch up with you soon.

Mayor Doug Jewel
770-583-2289 (O)
(b) (6) (C)
123 LaGrange St
PO Box 160
Grantville, GA 30220

Sincerely,

Chris Perkins

Field Representative

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

From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Opioid Grants
Date: Thursday, July 12, 2018 3:27:45 PM

Joyce,

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

Thanks!

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A large black rectangular redaction box covers the signature area.

Sincerely,

Chris Perkins

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From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Opioid Grants
Date: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 5:23:50 PM

Joyce,

Just spoke with a women that works on the Opioid crisis in Coweta County. Could you contact her and see if USDA can give them any help?

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Sincerely,

Chris Perkins

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From: [Jones, Charles E.](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Cc: [Hollis, Karla Martin-OSEC](#); [Moten-Thomas, Joy](#); [Latimore, Mark](#)
Bcc: [Hollis, Karla Martin-OSEC](#)
Subject: RE: April 4 Ft. Valley State Ham and Egg Legislative Breakfast
Date: Monday, March 26, 2018 11:25:36 AM
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[image006.png](#)
[image008.png](#)

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Good Morning State Director White.

Good to hear from you. Yes, Assistant Secretary Anne Hazlett can have 5-7 minutes to give an update. A copy of the draft program is attached.

I look forward to seeing you at the breakfast.

Charles

From: Hollis, Karla Martin-OSEC [<mailto:KarlaMartin.Hollis@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 10:37 AM
To: Jones, Charles E.
Cc: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
Subject: FW: April 4 Ft. Valley State Ham and Egg Legislative Breakfast

Hi Charles:

Please respond to Ms. White. See email below.

Karla M. Hollis

1890 Program Liaison – Office of Advocacy and Outreach
 Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement



United States Department of Agriculture
 Office: (478) 825-6298
 Cell: **(b) (6)**

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2018 1:23 PM
To: Hollis, Karla Martin-OSEC <KarlaMartin.Hollis@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: April 4 Ft. Valley State Ham and Egg Legislative Breakfast

I got a bounce back from the **(b) (6)** e-mail address for Charles. Can you please forward this to him? Thanks,

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 State Director

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From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2018 1:22 PM
To: Hollis, Karla Martin-OSEC <KarlaMartin.Hollis@osec.usda.gov>; (b) (6)
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Cc: Taylor, Reggie - RD, Athens, GA <Reggie.Taylor@ga.usda.gov>; Taylor, Jacqueline - RD, Athens, GA <Jacqueline.Taylor@ga.usda.gov>; Jones, Evette - RD, Newnan, GA <Evette.Jones@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: April 4 Ft. Valley State Ham and Egg Legislative Breakfast

Hi Karla and Charles:

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(b) (6) But thank you
for your attendance and participation.

I think you both know that the Assistant Secretary, Anne Hazlett will be in Georgia on April 4. I have
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May I please have a sample or draft of the agenda for that day?

Thanks for your help.

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Jay Stone](#)
Subject: RE: Bio for Joyce White
Date: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 2:02:10 PM

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From: Jay Stone (b) (6) @gfb.org]
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 1:28 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Bio for Joyce White

Joyce,

Thank you!

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Jay

From: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Date: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 12:58 PM
To: Jay Stone (b) (6) @gfb.org>
Subject: FW: Bio for Joyce White

Hev Jay: Thanks so much for your phone call this morning. (b) (6)

I thought the bio I submitted to the USDA Office in Washington might be helpful to you, and please know you can call me anytime for anything you might need. The bio is below:

Joyce M. White graduated from Clayton State University and began a 21 year career as an Executive Assistant working for the CEO of Georgia-Pacific Corporation. In January 2003 she was offered the opportunity to work as Governor Sonny Perdue's Executive Assistant and Office Manager and was honored and humbled to do so. After Governor Perdue's Governorship ended in 2011, she returned to Georgia-Pacific as a manager in their Government Affairs Department.

In 2012, she was offered the Chief of Staff position at the Georgia Department of Agriculture and accepted and enjoyed overseeing the Communications, Government Affairs, Constituent Services and the Executive Office. When U.S. Senator David Perdue was elected to his U.S. Senate, he called on Joyce to head up his Georgia office and on January 6, 2015 she accepted the position of State Director for U.S. Senator David Perdue.

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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
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[image006.png](#)

Hey Joyce!
 Things really do go full circle! ☺

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

Hi Jennifer,

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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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Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 10:55 AM
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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.

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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) (6) (b)(5) Deliberative Privilege

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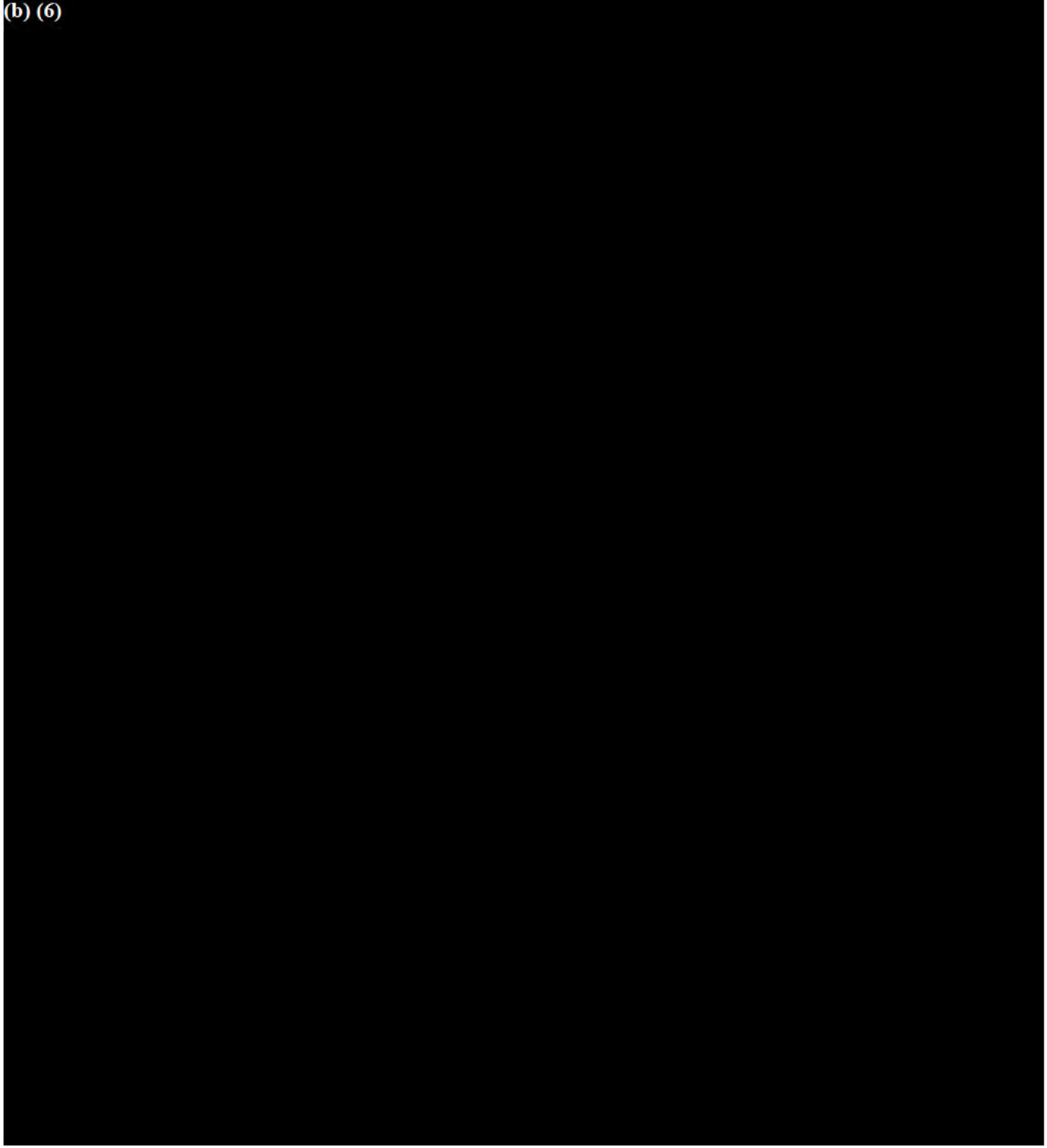
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Thank you again,
Jennifer Hayes

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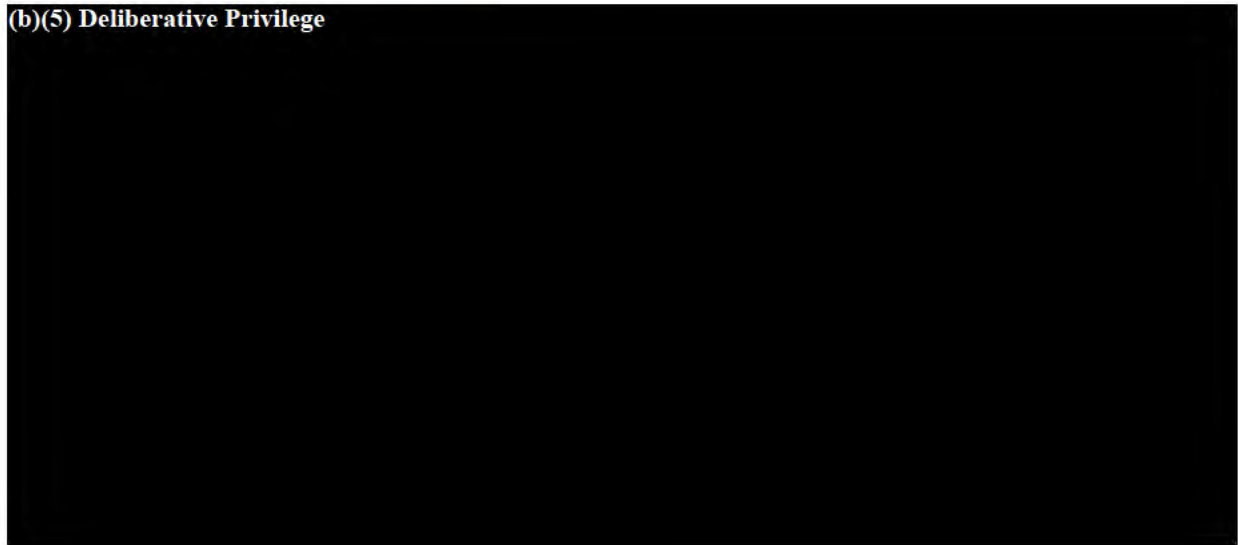
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Subject: RE: REVIEW Revised Spotlight: Mountain Fresh Creamery
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From: Mull, David - RD, Monroe, GA
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 11:35 AM
To: Davis, Karen - Athens, GA <Karen.Davis@ga.usda.gov>; Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA <Deborah.Callahan@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: REVIEW Revised Spotlight: Mountain Fresh Creamery

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From: Davis, Karen - Athens, GA

Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 11:31 AM

To: Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA <Deborah.Callahan@ga.usda.gov>

Cc: Mull, David - RD, Monroe, GA <David.Mull@ga.usda.gov>

Subject: FW: REVIEW Revised Spotlight: Mountain Fresh Creamery

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Karen

Karen L. Davis

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To: Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA <Deborah.Callahan@ga.usda.gov>

Cc: Davis, Karen - Athens, GA <Karen.Davis@ga.usda.gov>

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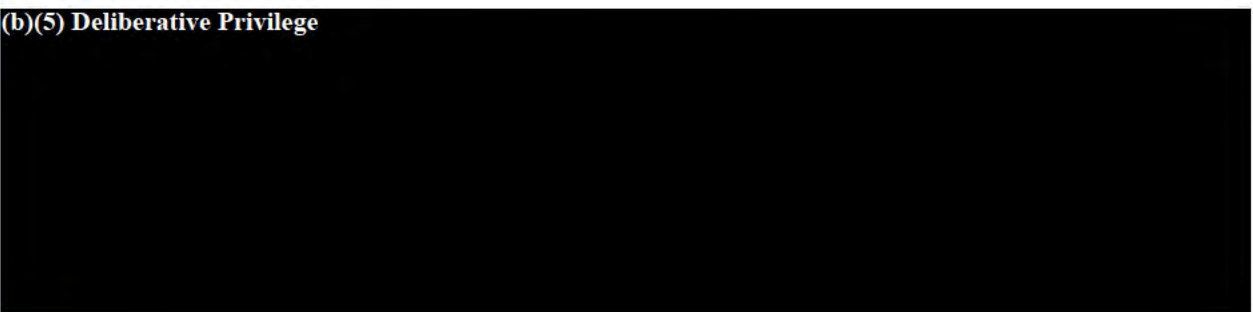
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 <lindsay.williams@sba.gov>

Cc: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>; Kress, Lola <lola.kress@sba.gov>;
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Subject: REVIEW Revised Spotlight: Mountain Fresh Creamery

Importance: High

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Thank you,
 -Deb

Deborah Callahan, Public Information Officer
 USDA Rural Development Georgia

From: Mull, David - RD, Monroe, GA

Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 8:19 AM

To: Lorra Lee <llee@sbaploans.com>

Cc: Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA <Deborah.Callahan@ga.usda.gov>

Subject: RE: Mountain Fresh Creamery Spotlight

Thanks Lorra, I forwarded the story to Deb Callahan. She will know who needs to get it.

David

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From: Lorra Lee (b) (6) [@sbaploans.com](mailto:lorra.lee@sbaploans.com)

Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 4:43 PM

To: Mull, David - RD, Monroe, GA <David.Mull@ga.usda.gov>

Subject: Mountain Fresh Creamery Spotlight

David,

Here is the spotlight on the creamery – let me know if you have any questions – thanks!

Lorra Lee
President



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Cc: ["DC"](#); ["VA"](#); ["O'Connor, Blanca - RD, Washington, DC"](#); ["Rachel Adams"](#); ["Melissa Henson Kalinosky"](#); ["Jay Ruais"](#); ["Michael R Thomas"](#); thomas@thomasusaf.com; vasu@thomasusaf.com; ["Bob Pennington"](#); [Trae Dorough](#)
Subject: RE: Rural Community Infrastructure P3 Roundtable - Atlanta, GA
Date: Thursday, August 16, 2018 10:09:20 AM
Attachments: [Atlanta Speaker and Panelist Contact Information.docx](#)

Good Morning,

Please see attached for the Speaker and Panelist Contact Information sheet and confirm your information is correct.

Best Regards,

Natalie Connell Webb
Thomas USAF Group, LLC
Office Manager/Marketing Coordinator
3060 Peachtree Road NW, Suite 1855
One Buckhead Plaza
Atlanta, Georgia 30305
404-365-2040

From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: Rural Dev & Grants
Date: Thursday, July 12, 2018 4:21:52 PM
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Thanks Chris. I appreciate you helping us get the word out.

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Thanks!

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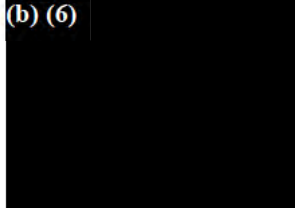
From: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) [mailto:Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 3:49 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Rural Dev & Grants

Joyce,

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Sincerely,

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Thanks Joyce!

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
 Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 10:24 AM
 To: Sam Watson [\(b\) \(6\) @chillcfarms.com](#)
 Cc: Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA <Tas.Smith@ga.usda.gov>
 Subject: SCORE and FARM BILL

Hey Sam: I am slightly familiar with SCORE in that I know they offer mentoring to those wanting to farm

I know Senator David Perdue is planning a Farm Bill Listening Session on April 27 in Tifton. I don't know if that helps or not. It will not be Senator Perdue, but his Ag Advisors will be presenting. I can get you more info on that if you think it will help.

Also, I know Farm Services Agencies might be the best place to get help for start-up farmers. Tas Smith is the State Director, and I know you know Tas. I'm happy to set up a conference call between yourself, me and Tas if you would like. I've copied Tas above.

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From: Sam Watson [\(b\) \(6\) @chillcfarms.com](#)
 Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 8:22 AM
 To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
 Subject: RE: Funding Made Available to Combat the Opioid Misuse Epidemic

Thanks Joyce

Are you familiar with the SCORE program in Georgia?

We have a chapter in Moultrie that has been very successful and has established an Ag Mentor Program that I am being told is the only one in the South. The Secretary signed an MOU with Score back in August of last year to partner with USDA. I am not sure if that would fall under Rural Development or some other program but our Chapter here in Moultrie has asked me to see if the Secretary or someone from the higher ups could come down and visit, and talk about how the 2018 Farm Bill and any other USDA program could help small or beginning farmers.

Let me know a good time to talk and I will give you a call.

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From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
 Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:32 PM
 To: Chris Chambliss [\(b\) \(6\) @Georgia.org](#); [\(b\) \(6\) @gsp.net](#); [\(b\) \(6\) @georgia.gov](#); Chuck Williams [\(b\) \(6\) @GFC.STATE.GA.US](#); Sam Watson [\(b\) \(6\) @chillcfarms.com](#); [\(b\) \(6\) @house.ga.gov](#); Cathy Holtzclaw [\(b\) \(6\) @gachamber.com](#); [\(b\) \(6\) @georgiasheriffs.org](#); [\(b\) \(6\) @georgiasheriffs.org](#); [\(b\) \(6\) @elliswoodcontracting.com](#); [\(b\) \(6\) @gdozier@dds.ga.gov](#); Tolbert, Chris <Chris.Tolbert@ghi.ga.gov>; [\(b\) \(6\) @gmail.com](#); Alyssa Justice <Alyssa.Justice@dca.ga.gov>
 Cc: Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA <Deborah.Callahan@ga.usda.gov>; Taylor, Jacqueline - RD, Athens, GA <Jacqueline.Taylor@ga.usda.gov>
 Subject: Funding Made Available to Combat the Opioid Misuse Epidemic

Hi Friends: Most of you know Secretary Sonny Perdue and you know his passion for helping rural Georgia. One of the problems USDA is addressing under his leadership and the leadership of the current administration is the Opioid crisis. With this said, please note in the 2nd paragraph below that there are funds now being made available to those organizations that are working to defeat this crisis. The application deadline for these grant monies is June 4, 2018. There will be a webinar on April 23 at 3:30 (see 3rd paragraph) that will further explain how to apply for these dollars. I wanted you to know, because I know you all are working towards helping the citizens of Georgia. Please feel free to share as you deem appropriate.

You are welcome to contact me if you have any questions or Andy Hayes at andrew.hayes@wdc.usda.gov. Cell Phone: [\(b\) \(6\)](#)

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From: USDA Rural Development Georgia [<mailto:ruraldevelopment@public.govdelivery.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 3:19 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Combat the Opioid Misuse Epidemic with USDA

Deep Masthead



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SPECIAL OPIOID EPIDEMIC BRIEFING

Please help spread this news.

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The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is keenly focused on addressing the opioid crisis in rural communities. So far, the Department has [convened regional roundtables](#) to hear firsthand accounts of the impact of the crisis and effective strategies for response in rural communities; [launched a webpage](#) on opioid misuse in rural America featuring resources for rural communities and individuals facing the crisis; and [prioritized investments in two key grant programs to address the crisis in rural places](#). For more information about these efforts, visit the USDA rural opioid misuse webpage at www.usda.gov/opioids.

Grants Announced to Combat Opioid Misuse in Rural America

USDA is reserving \$5 million in the [Community Facilities Grant Program](#) and is giving priority to [Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant \(DLT\) Program](#) applications proposing innovative projects to address the opioid epidemic in rural communities.

In the Community Facilities grant program, rural communities, non-profit organizations and federally recognized tribes can apply through the usual Community Facilities grant application process for grants up to \$150,000 for innovative projects such as mobile treatment clinics. Community Facilities grants may fund up to 75 percent of an eligible project.

Distance Learning and Telemedicine grant program applicants will receive priority for telemedicine projects with the primary purpose of providing opioid prevention, treatment or recovery services. Eligible proposals can receive 10 priority points on their applications.

Applications for Community Facilities grants funded with this National Office reserve should be submitted on or before June 4, 2018. In Georgia, applications will be accepted at the [Area Office](#) in the county in which the applicant is located. Applications submitted after this date will be considered for regular, state-allocated funding.

The application deadline for Distance Learning and Telemedicine grants is June 4, 2018. Applications can be submitted electronically at Grants.gov or in hardcopy to: USDA Rural Development Telecommunications Programs, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Room 2844, STOP 1597, Washington, DC 20250-1597.

In Georgia, contact the RUS Telecom General Field Representative for information about the Distance Learning and Telemedicine grant: Andrew Hayes, andrew.hayes@wdc.usda.gov, Cell Phone: (770) 312-7073 (He covers FL, GA, SC, PR, and VI).

Join the Webinar- Get the Facts

USDA will host a webinar for the public to help inform participants about the major eligibility and regulatory requirements of the programs and provide further details on the process. The webinar is scheduled for April 23rd at 3:30 pm EDT.

Register for the Webinar at: <https://cc.readytalk.com/registration/#/?meeting=yitzd0abvixp&campaign=por35sk5i0ah>

What's Working in Your Town?

There's a new interactive feature on the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) rural opioid misuse webpage, <https://www.usda.gov/topics/opioids>. Now, [webpage](#) visitors can tell USDA what prevention, treatment and recovery actions have been effective in addressing the opioid epidemic in their rural communities. USDA is collecting this information as part of an ongoing effort to identify best practices and effective strategies for addressing rural opioid misuse. Please Share Your Feedback!



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For more details and information, telephone Deborah Callahan, Public Information Officer, Rural Development Georgia at (706) 552-2595 or email to Deborah.Callahan@ga.usda.gov

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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 5:28:42 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: Burns, Kathy (Perdue)
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
Subject: RE: Senator David Perdue: 2017 In Photos
Date: Tuesday, January 2, 2018 10:10:20 AM

Hi Joyce!

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Congratulations again Joyce and Happy New Year!

Best always
 Kathy



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From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 9:37 AM
To: Burns, Kathy (Perdue) <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Senator David Perdue: 2017 In Photos

Hey! Thanks so much for sharing. As I look across these events, it makes me remember some of the fights I went through trying to get these items on the schedule! So good to see them in hind sight and to know they are considered valuable.

I pray your 2018 is off to a great start. I miss my old teammates, but am adjusting to a new group. I have 110 employees so getting to know them all will take time, but they are a good group. Being a White House appointee, I see that I have to earn their trust. I guess every time the President changes and a new appointee is chosen, then they have to go through a learning curve. It's kind of crazy how it works – but it does work and it is necessary to get the President's and the Secretary's goals accomplished.

I know you guys are doing great work, and every time I see a headline or a news clip, I am proud of all that Senator Perdue and the team are accomplishing.

Take care and Happy New Year!

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From: Burns, Kathy (Perdue) [mailto:Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 1, 2018 9:05 AM
To: Burns, Kathy (Perdue) <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Senator David Perdue: 2017 In Photos

Hello,

I would like to share the email below from Senator Perdue.

Happy New Year!

Very Respectfully,
Kathy Burns



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Senator David Perdue: 2017 In Photos

ATLANTA, GA – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA) shared a look at his third year as an outsider in the U.S. Senate working to shake things up and get results for Georgians and the American people.

Download the entire gallery [here](#).

1. **January 20, 2017:** Attending President Trump's inauguration with Senators Thom Tillis and Joni Ernst.

2. **February 9, 2017:** Meeting with Judge Neil Gorsuch, who the Senate later confirmed as an Associate Justice of the

U.S. Supreme Court.



3. **April 12, 2017:** Touring the 1-85 bridge rebuild effort with GDOT Commissioner Russell McMurry.



4. **April 13, 2017:** Thanking law enforcement officers in Glennville at the 30th Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Cookout hosted by Wayne Dasher.



5. **April 25, 2017:** Witnessing my cousin, Sonny, be sworn in as the 31st U.S. Secretary of Agriculture by Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Clarence Thomas.



6. **June 9, 2017:** Hosting a send-off breakfast in honor of the 20 Georgians nominated and appointed to U.S. Service Academies.



7. June 27, 2017: Attending a Sunset Parade at the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial.



8. July 4, 2017: Celebrating Independence Day with our troops in Afghanistan.



9. **July 11, 2017:** Urging the Senate to work through the regularly scheduled August state work period in order to get results for Georgians and the American people.



10. **August 2, 2017:** Introducing the RAISE Act, a pro-worker, pro-growth plan to solve our country's immigration problems, with President Trump and Senator Tom Cotton at the White House. *(courtesy of the White House)*



11. August 25, 2017: Greeting Georgians attending the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition Conference in Atlanta.



12. October 4, 2017: Introducing Tripp Self, President Trump's nominee to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, in his confirmation hearing alongside Senator Isakson.



13. November 7, 2017: Highlighting the importance of changing our tax code with Senior Trump Administration officials, grassroots leaders, and other senators.



14. December 6, 2017: Hosting Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson, leaders from Robins Air Force Base, and members of the Warner Robins community to celebrate Robins' successes and highlight its many assets.



15. December 20, 2017: Marking an historic achievement at the White House after voting to pass a tax bill that provides real relief to working Americans and makes America competitive with the rest of the world.



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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.

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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 10:59:39 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

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Greg Turton](#)
Subject: RE: Southern Fiber Worx - Greg Turton
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 2:20:29 PM

Hi Greg: I will not be able to come to Cordele on Friday. (b) (6)

I do care about your project and all you have going on. I've spoken several times to folks about your success and my belief that you could be even more successful if we could help you. We will stay in touch and I'll find a time to get down there.

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From: Greg Turton (b) (6) @bellsouth.net]
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2018 7:53 PM
To: Burns, Kathy (Perdue) <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Southern Fiber Worx - Greg Turton

Yes, that would be great!

Looking forward to seeing you both.

Thanks,

Greg Turton

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 2, 2018, at 6:09 PM, Burns, Kathy (Perdue) <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov> wrote:

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
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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
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From: Greg Turton (b) (6) <[REDACTED]@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
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(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) <[REDACTED]@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.

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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.

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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

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From: [Ballantyne, Jonathon \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: (b) (6)
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018 1:58:43 PM

Hey Joyce,

I hope all is well with you too. (b) (6)

Best,

Jonathon

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 1:40 PM
To: Ballantyne, Jonathon (Perdue) <Jonathon_Ballantyne@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: (b) (6)

Hi Jonathon: Hope you are great.

I still have people coming to me with requests and this will continue I'm sure – even though I'm working for Sec. Sonny Perdue. These folks don't understand sometimes the difference between DAP and the Secretary.

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(b) (6)

His phone number is (b) (6)

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Thanks for your help.

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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 9:37:31 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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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

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From: (b) (6) <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
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)

Thank you for your help with this matter.

Thank you,

Andrea Anderson

Finance Director

Towns County

(b) (6)

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: (b) (6)
Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 3:57:01 PM

Amen!

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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: (b) (6)

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: (b) (6)

Hey! I wanted you to know that I FedEx'd the (b) (6) to Rachel Pick, the Secretary's

Assistant. I have emailed her to alert her.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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To: [Stanek, Jack - RD, Athens GA](#); [Ross, Katherine - RD, Sandersville, GA](#); [Bell-Dison, Debra - RD, Tifton, GA](#)
Cc: [Williams, Hope - RD, Athens, GA](#); [Pilgrim, Dawn - RD, Athens, GA](#); [Little, Marcella - RD, Tifton, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Tift Regional Hospital
Date: Thursday, June 28, 2018 9:18:47 AM
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Good morning.

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To: [Seaver Andrew \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: Tomorrow in Blairsville
Date: Thursday, March 8, 2018 4:09:54 PM
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I got your vm. Sorry I was on my other phone. If you can't make it, I'll let you know what happens.

Thanks!

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Sent: Thursday, March 8, 2018 4:08 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Tomorrow in Blairsville

Hey Joyce, Sorry I missed your call! I just left you a voicemail, but who has time to check those anymore!!

Thanks for keeping me in the loop. I am not sure if I'll be able to make it up tomorrow in time. Great to hear things are moving so quickly though!! Give us a shout if there's anything else we can do. Best, Andrew

On Mar 8, 2018, at 3:00 PM, White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov> wrote:

Hey Andrew: I called your 912 number and your voicemail is full, but I wanted you to know that I am meeting with U.S. Forestry and Sheriff Mack Mason and DNR tomorrow to look at the forest land Union County wants for a firing range for their 300 plus gun club that has been formed and for Union Co to qualify their weapons. We are meeting at Alexander's Store at 12:30.

You are welcome to come if you would like but I know this is last minute and not necessary. Just wanted you to be aware.

Hope you are great!

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From: [Ballantyne, Jonathon \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Tour Request - (b) (6)
Date: Monday, November 27, 2017 5:05:28 PM

Will do!

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 4:00 PM
To: Ballantyne, Jonathon (Perdue) <Jonathon_Ballantyne@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Tour Request - (b) (6)

Hi Jonathon: I hope you are doing great.

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To: [Hayes, Jennifer \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: (b) (6)
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 4:01:24 PM

Hey Jennifer:

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Thank you for helping.

Joyce

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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: (b) (6)

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!

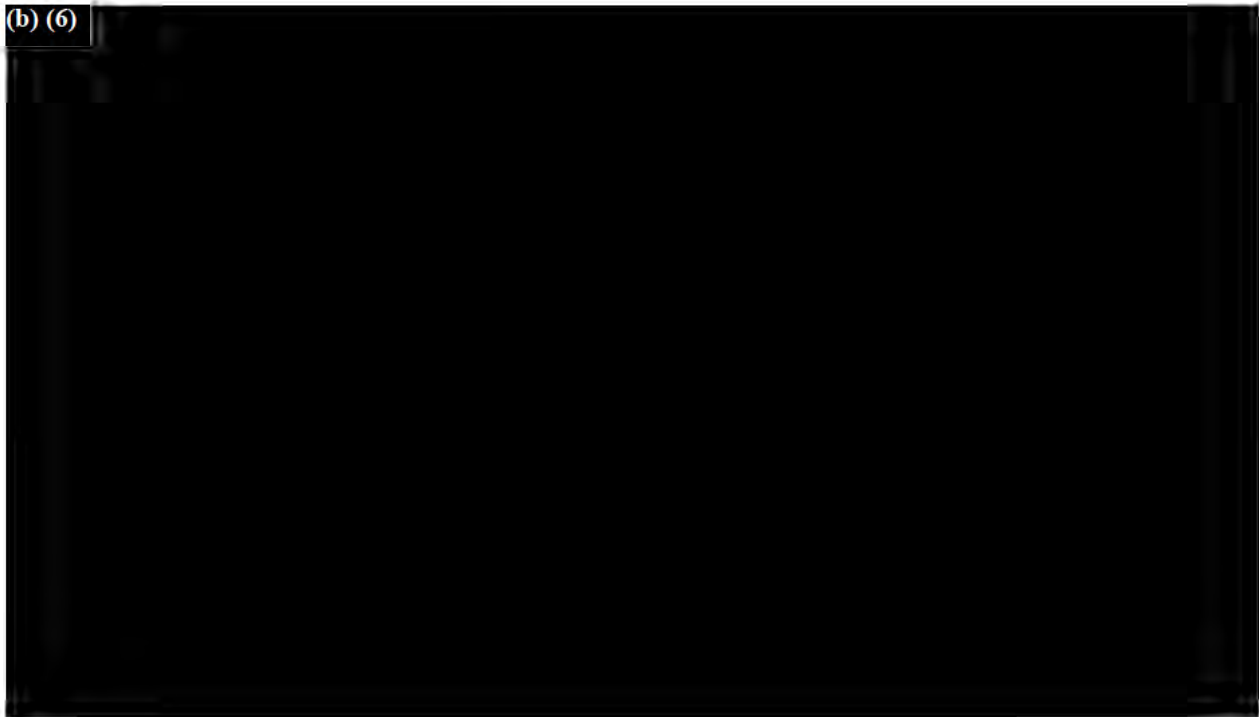
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From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 10:41 PM
To: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: (b) (6)

From: White, Jeff [mailto:jeff.white@travelport.com]

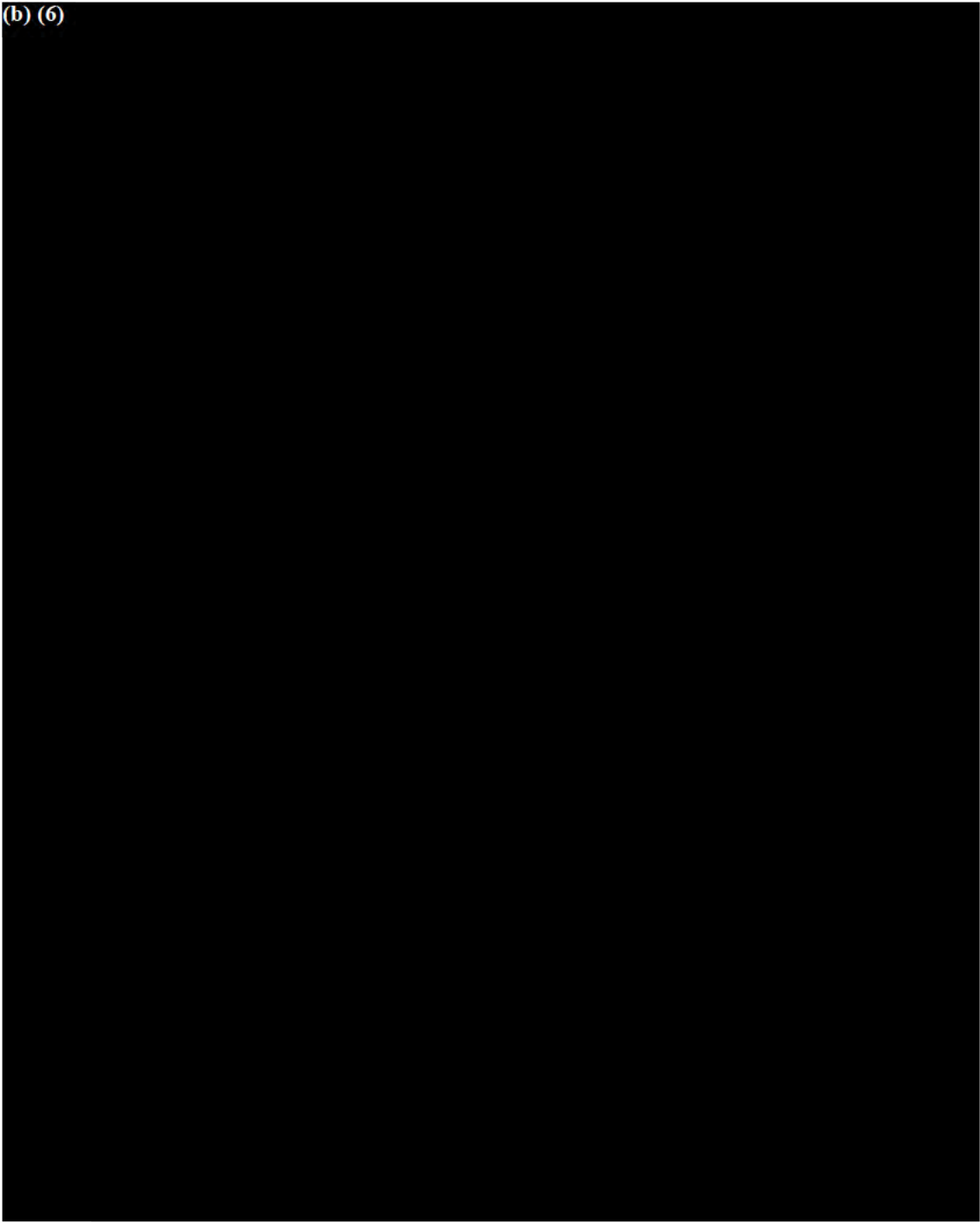
Hi Jennifer! I pray you and your sweet family are doing great! I think of you and the team so often, and I know y'all are doing wonderful work.

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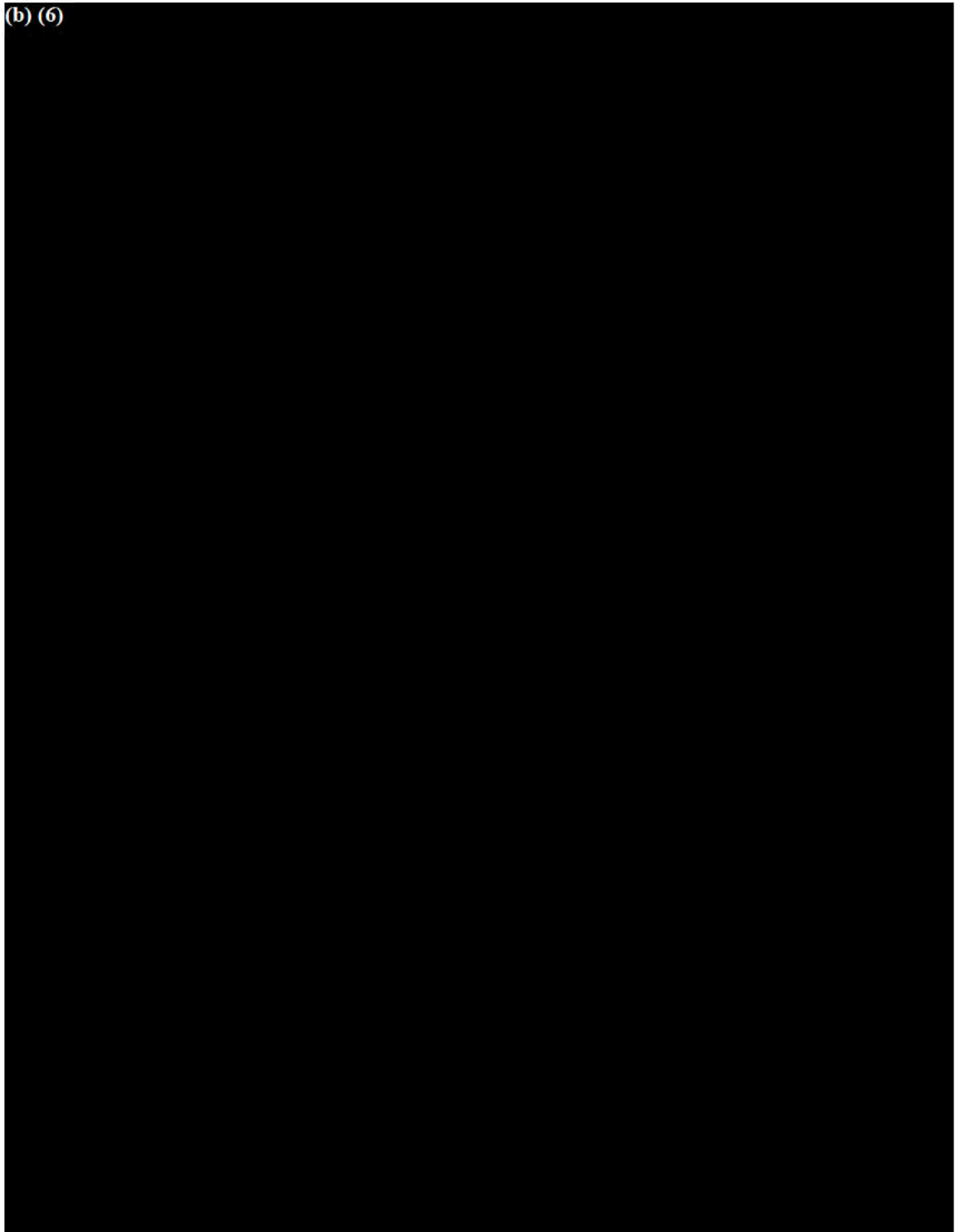


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Subject: RE: URGENT MESSAGE ABOUT RURAL WATER NEEDS AND FUNDING AVAILABLE
Date: Friday, August 3, 2018 10:36:14 AM
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Thank you Brad. Thanks for spreading the word. I don't want Georgia to miss this opportunity.

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Sent: Friday, August 3, 2018 10:19 AM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: URGENT MESSAGE ABOUT RURAL WATER NEEDS AND FUNDING AVAILABLE

Joyce,

Thank you so much for providing this information to me. As of right now no one has approached me needing money for a water and sewer improvement but I am sure they are out there. I will be sure to bring this up in the future. Great seeing you again at the Rural Strong event.

Best Regards,



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Sent: Friday, August 3, 2018 9:08 AM
To: Williamson, Brad (Isakson) <Brad_Williamson@isakson.senate.gov>
Subject: URGENT MESSAGE ABOUT RURAL WATER NEEDS AND FUNDING AVAILABLE
Importance: High

Hi Brad:

I'm sending this to you and to other congressional staffers, because I use to

be the State Director for Senator David Perdue's Office and supervised field reps. Our field reps were always coming across needs in rural Georgia that we could not always help with, but tried to point the constituent in the right direction.

I am now USDA State Director for Rural Development in Georgia and a White House Appointee. As you know, President Trump has committed to helping rural America and thus rural Georgia. We have resources available to help rural Georgia in the form of grants and loans.

I don't know your district, but if you have some rural areas in your district, 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.

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USDA is eager to partner with you in this effort to modernize water infrastructure in our state's rural communities.

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Date: Thursday, August 2, 2018 1:21:44 PM
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You know where I am if you need me. We just have a lot of money right now for any sort of water or sewer project. Let me know if you know of an area that may be planning a water project.

Take care.

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Thanks Joyce!

Chris Perkins

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I know we have done a great deal of work with Lincoln County, so we shall see if they are eligible. Different loans have different criteria that play into the eligibility formula. I will check on this zip code.

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Let me check on 30817 regarding a water, waste or sewer project.

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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>
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Fantastic! Thanks.

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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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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!

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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Thanks and see you soon!

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State Director, USDA Rural Development
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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 RDAApply 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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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 1:26:02 PM
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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 (b)(5) Deliberative Privilege? 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
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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: [Fry, Ben \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: USDA Agency Briefing in Georgia
Date: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 4:24:49 PM
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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.

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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! (b) (6)

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
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From: [Wilfred Arnett](#)
To: ["White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA"](#)
Cc: ["Jones, Evette - RD, Newnan, GA"](#)
Subject: RE: USDA Rural Development
Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 8:53:38 AM
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Thank you very much,

Wil Arnett

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 8:03 AM
To: Wilfred Arnett [\(b\) \(6\) @centurylink.net](#)>
Cc: Jones, Evette - RD, Newnan, GA <Evette.Jones@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: USDA Rural Development

Yes, if we know of the needs in Heard County, we can hopefully offer assistance. We look forward to working with Heard.

From: "Wilfred Arnett" [\(b\) \(6\) @centurylink.net](#)>
Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 7:59:26 AM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Cc: "Jones, Evette - RD, Newnan, GA" <Evette.Jones@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: USDA Rural Development

Joyce,

Thank you for your email and offer of assistance.

I will be sharing this email with the other board members of the Heard County Development Authority.

We will be back in touch with you.

Wil Arnett
Heard County Development Authority

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 12:55 PM
To: [\(b\) \(6\) @centurylink.net](#)
Cc: Jones, Evette - RD, Newnan, GA <Evette.Jones@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: USDA Rural Development

Dear Will:

Chris Perkins with Senator David Perdue's staff let me know that Heard County might be interested in talking about USDA Rural Development programs and how these programs might assist Heard.

I'm happy to talk with you about possibilities. We have loans, grants and loan/grant programs that can help build or add onto community centers, libraries, schools, fire stations. We can help you purchase fire trucks and police cars or EMT vehicles. We have a big push on to help communities with water, sewer and waste needs. We are the 6th largest bank in the US and currently have extra dollars to help with any water and sewer need you may have. We are also interested in helping your community battle any substance abuse/opioid problem you may be encountering.

We also have affordable housing options we can make available to Heard Co. residents.

We have loans to help entrepreneurs start up companies, and we have loans to help industries move into your community.

Please feel free to e-mail me back if you would like. I have copied Evette Jones on this correspondence as she is the Area Director for your area and probably knows the area pretty well.

Thanks,

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: (b) (6) @yahoo.com
Subject: RE: USDA State Director, Rural Development, for Georgia
Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 2:26:16 PM
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Fantastic. We'd love to be of service if we can. Our loans and grants are normally based on the area being a "rural" area and this is based on location and zip code.

We'll talk when you are back in.

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From: Tracey Smallwood (b) (6) @yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 12:59 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: USDA State Director, Rural Development, for Georgia

Thank you for reaching out. (b) (6)

(b) (6) I would love to

discuss our downtown. It's very small but needs some love.

Thank you

Tracey Alford

Milner city council

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Mon, May 14, 2018 at 11:37 AM, White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
 <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov> wrote:

Hi Tracey: I worked with Chris Perkins with Senator David Perdue's office, and Chris let me know

From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Modi, Dave](#)
Subject: RE: USDA
Date: Thursday, July 12, 2018 9:53:16 AM
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I'm with Senator David Perdue

and Secretary Perdue traveling a portion of central Georgia tomorrow. I'm in an all-day direct report's meeting today with those who report to me. I'll try to call after this meeting around 3:00.

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From: Modi, Dave (b) (6) @dovercorp.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 9:46 AM

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

Subject: USDA

Hi FRB,

I've tried calling your (b) (6) cell a few times over the past few days, but I caught you working each time. ☺

Actually, I have a "business" question for you. You know me, always working. ☺☺

Let me know when a good time to talk is.

Dave

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From: [Taylor, Jacqueline - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Wonderful to Meet You On Wednesday
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From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Friday, March 30, 2018 9:24 AM
To: johnathan.wallace@house.ga.gov; deborah.gonzalez@house.ga.gov
Cc: Taylor, Jacqueline - RD, Athens, GA <Jacqueline.Taylor@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Wonderful to Meet You On Wednesday

Hello Representative Wallace and Representative Gonzalez:

I hope you had a good session and Happy Sine Die! I'm sure you are exhausted.

It was very nice to meet you on Wednesday at the Rural Caucus meeting where Secretary Perdue addressed the luncheon.

I worked for Secretary Perdue when he was Governor and at the end of his Administration, went to be Chief of Staff for Commissioner Gary Black until U.S. Senator David Perdue was elected to the U.S. Senate. When he was elected, he asked me to lead his state efforts, so I became his State Director in 2015 until Secretary Perdue was appointed and I went to work for Secretary Perdue.

Anyway, my office is in Athens and I will be happy to come and meet with you or have you over to our offices at any time. I'm normally in my Athen's office on Mondays but I do spend a great amount of time traveling. I've copied my assistant, Jacqueline "Lea" Taylor, and she is great at keeping my schedule and keeping all the trains running on time.

I look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

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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

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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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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
 To: [Brown, Leslie - RD, Washington, DC](#)
 Subject: Re: Congressional Inquiry - Office of Cong. Jody Hice (GA-10)
 Date: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 11:36:02 PM
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Hi Leslie. (b)(5) Deliberative Privilege

Thank you for including me.

I worked with Secretary Perdue for the 8 Year's he was Governor and then I worked for Senator David Perdue for 3 Year's. (b)(5)

Thanks
 Joyce White

From: "Brown, Leslie - RD, Washington, DC" <LeslieA.Brown@wdc.usda.gov>
 Date: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 6:36:51 PM
 To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
 Subject: FW: Congressional Inquiry - Office of Cong. Jody Hice (GA-10)

Good evening, Joyce.

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Please advise.

Thank you very much.

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From: Brown, Leslie - RD, Washington, DC
 Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 9:25 AM
 To: Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA <Deborah.Callahan@ga.usda.gov>; Jackson, Deborah - RD, Washington, DC <Deborah.Jackson@wdc.usda.gov>; Grimes, Toni - RD, Athens, GA <Toni.Grimes@ga.usda.gov>; Davis, Karen - Athens, GA <Karen.Davis@ga.usda.gov>; Ross, Katherine - RD, Sandersville, GA <katherine.ross@ga.usda.gov>
 Subject: RE: Congressional Inquiry - Office of Cong. Jody Hice (GA-10)
 Importance: High

Good morning, Deborah.

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Please advise.

Thank you.

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From: Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 1:40 PM
To: Jackson, Deborah - RD, Washington, DC <Deborah.Jackson@wdc.usda.gov>; Grimes, Toni - RD, Athens, GA <Toni.Grimes@ga.usda.gov>; Davis, Karen - Athens, GA <Karen.Davis@ga.usda.gov>; Ross, Katherine - RD, Sandersville, GA <katherine.ross@ga.usda.gov>; Brown, Leslie - RD, Washington, DC <LeslieA.Brown@wdc.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Congressional Inquiry - Office of Cong. Jody Hice (GA-10)
Importance: High

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the Office of Congressman Hice requested info about ESE

-Deb

Deborah Callahan
 Public Information Officer | Georgia State Office

From: Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 8:20 AM
To: Brown, Leslie - RD, Washington, DC <LeslieA.Brown@wdc.usda.gov>
Cc: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>; Stanek, Jack - RD, Athens GA <Jack.Stanek@ga.usda.gov>; Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA <Deborah.Callahan@ga.usda.gov>
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Importance: High

Leslie,

There are no pending applications at this time for the DLT grant program; the application deadline has not passed yet for the current Fiscal Year so we have no pending applications at this time. As to whether or not ESE / FLF Foundation or Wayne Pearson is going to apply for a DLT grant this year- they have not contacted our Telecom GFR about it yet. This is the first he has heard of this organization.

Georgia RD has no pending or received CF applications from FLF Foundation or ESE or **(b) (6)** at this time.

A summary of the Business and Industry Loan Guarantees with RD is below, from our Georgia BP Director, Karen Davis.

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-Deb

Deborah Callahan
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From: Davis, Karen - Athens, GA
Sent: Monday, May 7, 2018 2:31 PM
To: Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA <Deborah.Callahan@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: ESE Florida Project Summary and my comments

FYI,

Almost immediately after issuing LNG per State Director Quinton Robinson, the Borrower went back to the bank for another \$500,000. We approved a \$400,000 unguaranteed loan with conditions which may have never been met and maybe bank didn't make it. Shortly thereafter they went to Florida and received another \$5 million guaranteed loan.

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Both the Georgia and Florida terms are 10 years.
 Georgia 12/31/17 outstanding balance - \$3,570,528.22 Principal and \$16,116.97 Interest
 Florida 12/31/17 outstanding balance - \$4,942,716.11 Principal and \$22,310.87 interest
 \$8,513,244.33 total principal

GA reflected use of funds was \$3,046,500 for Working Capital, \$500,000 Debt Refi (b) (4)

(b) (4)

FL reflected use of funds as \$1,618,900 Working Capital; OTHER \$3,100,000 [which in Project Summary states M&E].
 Both loans had fees of over \$200,000.

GA's loan is 90% guaranteed. Florida's is 80% guaranteed.

His GA company name is ESE Holdings, LLC
 His FL company name is ESE Networks, FL, LLC
 He is co-borrower on both.

It is also my understanding (b)(5) Deliberative Privilege

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Let me know if you need anything else.

Karen

Karen L. Davis

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From: Brown, Leslie - RD, Washington, DC

Sent: Friday, May 4, 2018 1:41 PM

To: Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA <Deborah.Callahan@ga.usda.gov>

Cc: Stanek, Jack - RD, Athens GA <Jack.Stanek@ga.usda.gov>; White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>

Subject: Congressional Inquiry - Office of Cong. Jody Hice (GA-10)

Importance: High

Good afternoon, Deborah.

Will you please check with the GA program staff to determine if Education Sports Entertainment (ESE) has any pending applications for CF and/or DLT funding? (b)(5) Deliberative Privilege
 details on

Any assistance you can provide is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

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From: [White, Jeff](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Re: Emailing: Joyce White USDA Rural Development
Date: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 3:55:31 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 7, 2017, at 15:21, White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov> wrote:

Well it's official I guess. It's been announced and was tweeted, etc. Now, I'm on the USDA website.

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This is my work e-mail.

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Joyce White

Georgia State Director



Joyce White graduated from Clayton State University and began a 21 year career as an Executive Assistant working for the CEO of Georgia-Pacific Corporation. In January 2003, Joyce joined Governor Sonny Perdue's office as his Executive Assistant and Office Manager. In this role, she was able to help constituents all over Georgia, and a lot of attention was focused on helping rural Georgia.

Governor Perdue served two terms and once complete, Joyce joined the Georgia Department of Agriculture as Chief of Staff where she provided assistance to agribusinesses and to Georgia's growers. She enjoyed that role until U.S. Senator David Perdue was elected to his Senate seat in November of 2014, when she joined his staff as State Director of Georgia.

As the Director for USDA Rural Development Joyce now looks forward to serving as advocate for rural prosperity and American agriculture in Georgia.

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
 To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
 Subject: Re: Hello!
 Date: Thursday, February 8, 2018 9:14:50 AM

Thanks Kathy! So good to hear you thought his project was interesting. I have spoken to him numerous times and he is interesting for sure. (b) (6)

(b) (6) I'm trying to get my schedule situated so I can travel to these places and meet these folks but right now I have a big project due to the White House on Feb 16. I have to get on it!

Glad our paths will continue to cross and we, in a way, are still working together!

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See you soon.

Joyce

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 From: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
 Date: Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 8:55:41 AM
 To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
 Subject: Hello!

>
 > Hi Joyce,
 >
 > I hope you are doing well and enjoying your new position.
 >
 > I visited with Greg Turton in Cordele on Tuesday and he is excited about your visit on Friday. The service he provides is interesting and addresses the issue of high speed internet which is so needed in rural Georgia.
 >
 > Yesterday at our Mobile Office Hours in Cuthbert, the President of Andrew College attended and followed up in an email that she would like for me to return to tour the campus with, Joyce White from the USDA! It would be wonderful to be able to see you there!
 >
 > Safe travels and I hope to see you soon.
 >
 > Best to you
 > Kathy
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 >

>
> Kathy Burns
> Regional Representative
> Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue
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From: [Bill Heath](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Re: Polk County Georgia request
Date: Thursday, January 11, 2018 1:17:31 PM
Attachments: [Ag Center Letters.zip](#)

Joyce,

Thanks for chatting with me.

Here is the package that I sent to Heidi. I think the original paper copies may have been left with the Secretary in early December.

If you see opportunities we should explore please keep me posted.

Bill

On Jan 10, 2018, at 7:06 PM, White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov> wrote:

Hi Senator Heath:

I have not heard about the plans to possibly build an Ag Center in Polk County, but would love to hear more and explore ways USDA Rural Development might help.

I did not receive any attachments, so if you can share any additional info. with me, that would be great.

My cell is (b) (6) if you would like to call.

Thanks for giving us a possible opportunity to serve.

Joyce White

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From: "Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov>
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 6:29:46 PM
To: "Bill Heath" <BillHeath@BillHeath.net>, "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Polk County Georgia request

Senator Heath, I believe the Polk County folks briefly mentioned the idea to Secretary Perdue. Do you know, are they applying for a Rural Development grant? I am copying Joyce White our new Rural Development Director for Georgia on this message as well as she may know more about the project.

Thank you,
Heidi

Heidi Green

Chief of Staff – Office of the Secretary

United States Department of Agriculture

Office: 202-720-0121

Cell: (b) (6)

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

From: Bill Heath (b) (6) [mailto:[@BillHeath.net](mailto:BillHeath.net)]

Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 3:22 PM

To: Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: Polk County Georgia request

Heidi,

Thanks for your help in trying to get Sec. Perdue to the SARL conference. It was nice to chat with Dep. Sec. Censky.

It is my understanding that a group from Polk County got to make a presentation to Sec. Perdue on December 4th for an ag center in the county. They seemed to think that there might be a chance of finding some funding to assist. I am very supportive of the effort and agreed to get this package of letters to the Secretary.

It won't be a normal practice to email you but I thought one time might not be too much. If being a .zip file causes any trouble just let me know. I did open it on my computer but admittedly I didn't read everything in there.

I hope is all well there.

Bill

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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/ (b) (6). Hope the new gig is treating you well!! (b) (6) !! Thanks, Andrew

Regional Representative
Office of United States Senator David A Perdue (R-GA)
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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: [Seaver, Andrew \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Re: Tomorrow in Blairsville
Date: Thursday, March 8, 2018 4:08:14 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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Hey Joyce, Sorry I missed your call! I just left you a voicemail, but who has time to check those anymore!!

Thanks for keeping me in the loop. I am not sure if I'll be able to make it up tomorrow in time. Great to hear things are moving so quickly though!! Give us a shout if there's anything else we can do. Best, Andrew

On Mar 8, 2018, at 3:00 PM, White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov> wrote:

Hey Andrew: I called your (b) (6) number and your voicemail is full, but I wanted you to know that I am meeting with U.S. Forestry and Sheriff Mack Mason and DNR tomorrow to look at the forest land Union County wants for a firing range for their 300 plus gun club that has been formed and for Union Co to qualify their weapons. We are meeting at (b) (6)

You are welcome to come if you would like but I know this is last minute and not necessary. Just wanted you to be aware.

Hope you are great!

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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 1:19:10 PM
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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Zoller, Martha \(Perdue\); toni_brown@isakson.senate.gov](#)
Cc: [Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA; Taylor, Reggie - RD, Athens, GA; Taylor, Jacqueline - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: STEM Education Listening Session Invitation
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 4:19:12 PM
Attachments: [image016.png](#)
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[image020.png](#)

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: [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

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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: [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: [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: [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 9:55:56 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

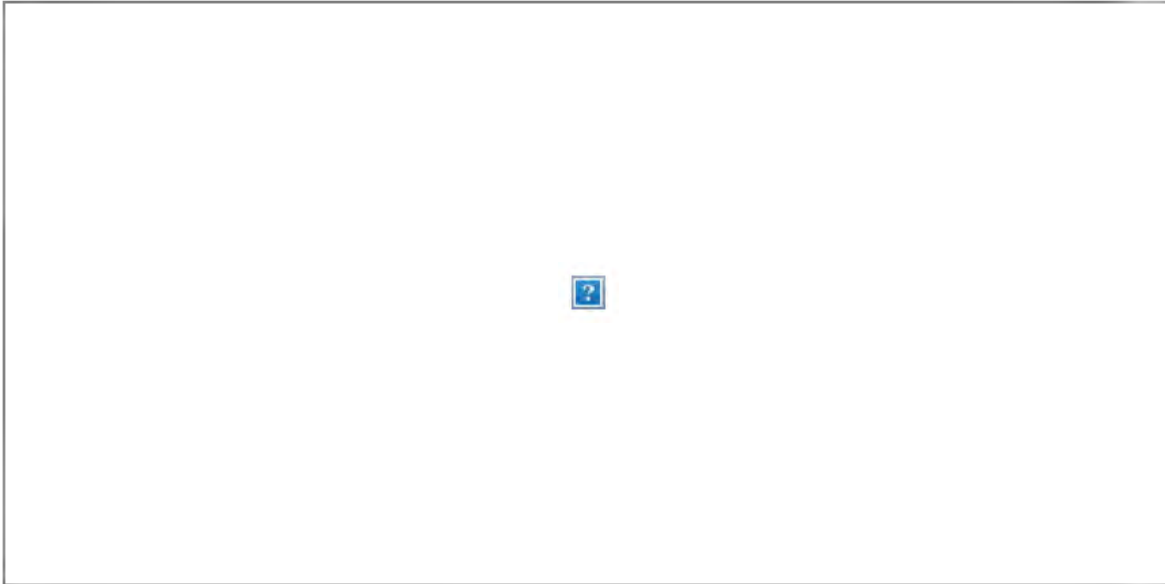


FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 16, 2018

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.

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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.”

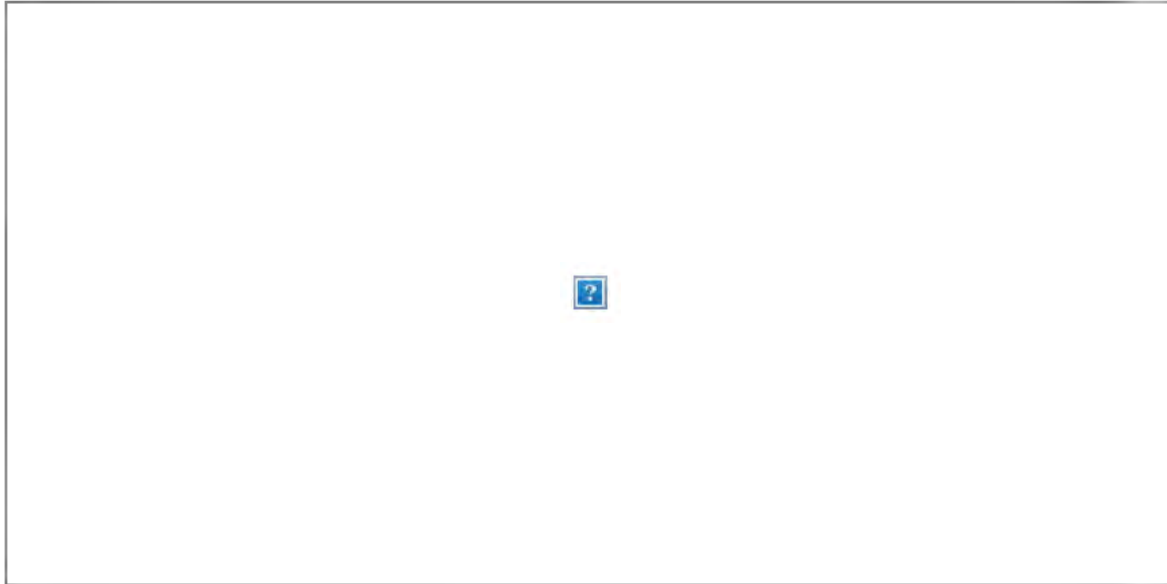
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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senator David Perdue Works To Strengthen Farm Lending Program
Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018 9:57:52 AM

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

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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: [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.

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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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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: (b) (6) [@yahoo.com](#)
Cc: [Taylor, Jacqueline - RD, Athens, GA](#); [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: USDA State Director, Rural Development, for Georgia
Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 11:37:35 AM
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Hi Tracey: I worked with Chris Perkins with Senator David Perdue's office, and Chris let me know that you may be interested in speaking with me. I left a message on your cell.

I'm happy to talk with you and I hope we can partner together in some way.

I'll be traveling a great deal this week, but my phone numbers are listed below. If I can't answer when you call, please leave a message, and I will get back with you.

Many thanks,

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To: (b) (6) **Secretary Purdue**
Subject: Union Co. Proposed Gun Range Site
Date: Monday, February 5, 2018 11:43:29 PM
Attachments: [map to gun range site.docx](#)

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Sorry to be late in sending, but my laptop doesn't always want to work when I do! I have had the most IT trouble! Thank you for calling today.

Betty Jewett is the Forest Supervisor I spoke with. Her office number is 770-297-3010 and cell is (b) (6) and e-mail is bettyjewett@fs.fed.us

Attached is a map of the U.S. Forest land that Union County would like to lease. Union County would then lease the land to the gun club. Union County sole commissioner is Lamar Paris who is extremely supportive and I'm sure you know him.

This land was an old family home place and the family deeded it over to the U.S. Forest Service.

There is no structure on it. It is located approximately 5 miles east of US 129 on Georgia 180. The intersection of 180 and 129 is 8 miles south of Blairsville. It is directly across from Forest Service Road 292 which is also named Bob Creek Road on the south side of Georgia 180.

The closest home is 1.2 miles west of the property and there are no other homes in any other direction for over 10 miles. There are two ridge lines that separate the proposed site from this home.

I have met with Sheriff Mack Mason (b) (6) and (b) (6)

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(b)(5) Deliberative Privilege

The gun club has many support letters from a number of notable residents such as (b) (6) (b) (6) who will be involved in this club.

The range will be used for Union County law enforcement to qualify their weapons and to teach gun safety to 4Hers and Union County High Schoolers. (b) (4)

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If there is more you need, please call me.

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Subject: Road map to the purpose Gun Range Site

Ms. Taylor,
See if the attached word-document map will serve your purpose.
You may have to put the document into "edit mode" in order for the arrows and circle show up in the right place.
Paul

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