

# United States Senate

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The Honorable Jerry Moran  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Agriculture,  
Rural Development, Food and Drug  
Administration and Related Agencies  
129 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Agriculture,  
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125 Hart Senate Office Building  
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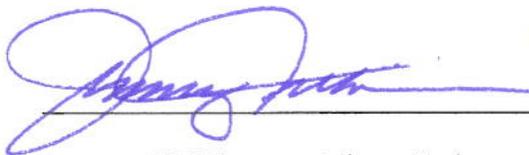
Dear Chairman Moran and Ranking Member Merkley:

Thank you for the opportunity to set forth our priorities for the fiscal year 2016 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies appropriations bill.

We fully support the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) request to complete the replacement and modernization of the Southeast Biocontainment Laboratory and Consolidated Poultry Research Facility in Athens, Georgia. The laboratory is USDA's major facility for conducting research on exotic and emerging poultry diseases, supporting APHIS, FSIS, FDA, and the CDC. The poultry industry accounts for nearly half of all farm income in Georgia. This lab is critical not only to the Georgia poultry industry, but to the entire poultry industry across the nation.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



U.S Senator Johnny Isakson



U.S. Senator David Perdue