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May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Iowa Advanced Drought Information System project in fiscal year 2025.

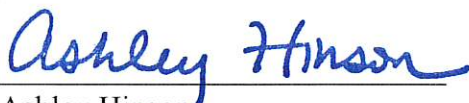
The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Iowa, IIHR-Hydrosience & Engineering, located at 100 C. Maxwell Stanley Hydraulics Laboratory, Iowa City, Iowa 52242.

This funding would be used to build a robust and comprehensive Iowa Drought Information System to inform production and conservation activities for Iowa farmers and conservationists. Iowa has faced significant challenges with drought in recent years. This project would address needs identified by several state agencies, including the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, to provide Iowans with reliable, timely, and accurate drought information. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help state and local officials, as well as private landowners, access information to assist with drought preparedness, response, and mitigation efforts.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Soil Conservation and Allotment Domestic Act of 1935, 16 U.S. Code sections 590a-590d and 590f-g.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Ashley Hinson  
Member of Congress  
Committee on Appropriations