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May 10, 2016

Staff Sergeant Eric Grandon (Ret.)  
2067 Red Bud Road  
Ovapa, WV 25164

Dear Staff Sergeant Grandon:

This letter serves as your official invitation for you or your designee to appear before the Committee on Agriculture **Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in room 1300 of the Longworth House Office Building**, for the purposes of providing testimony and responding to questions from Members of the Committee regarding Service in the Field: Veteran Contributions to National Food Security. See the following procedures for the submission and presentation of your testimony:

- Please deliver **25** copies of your testimony to Nicole Scott, Chief Clerk, in 1301 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, **AND** email an electronic version, in either a Microsoft Word or WordPerfect format, to [nicole.scott@mail.house.gov](mailto:nicole.scott@mail.house.gov) by **12:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2016**.

***NOTE:*** Given the delay in mail delivery arising from House security measures, we recommend that copies of your testimony be delivered directly to the Committee office by a representative from your organization or courier. Please have them notify Committee staff of their arrival at the building by calling (202) 225-2171.

- If requesting use of a PowerPoint or other presentational aide to accompany your testimony, that file should also be included as an attachment to the email submission of your testimony if possible. Otherwise, provide a copy on a CD, DVD, or other appropriate media, with the hard copies of written testimony.
- Per House Rules, please complete and sign the enclosed disclosure form listing the amount and source of any Federal grant or contract received within the current and last two fiscal years and ATTACH it, along with a copy of your current résumé, brief personal biography, or the enclosed biography form, to the back of each of the **25** copies of your written testimony. Electronic versions of these

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documents should also be included as attachments in the email submission of your written testimony.

- Though your entire written statement will be included in the official hearing record, we request that you present an oral summary of your testimony including any permitted electronic presentation, limited to no more than five minutes in length.

If you have any questions, please contact Josh Maxwell, Professional Staff, at (202) 225-2171. I appreciate your cooperation and look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, May 18, 2016.

Sincerely,



K. Michael Conaway  
Chairman

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Enclosures

The Committee on Agriculture seeks to make its facilities accessible to persons with disabilities. If in need of special accommodations, please call (202) 225-2171 at least four business days in advance of the event, whenever practicable. Questions with regard to special accommodations in general (including availability of Committee materials in alternative formats and assistive listening devices) may be directed to the Committee as noted above.

**Committee on Agriculture  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Required Witness Disclosure Form**

House Rules\* require nongovernmental witnesses to disclose the amount and source of Federal grants received since January 1, 2013.

Name: Eric Grandon

Organization you represent (if any): West Virginia Warriors and  
Veterans to Agriculture

1. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants and subcontracts) you have received since January 1, 2013, as well as the source and the amount of each grant or contract. House Rules do **NOT** require disclosure of federal payments to individuals, such as Social Security or Medicare benefits, farm program payments, or assistance to agricultural producers:

Source: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

2. If you are appearing on behalf of an organization, please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants and subcontracts) the organization has received since January 1, 2013, as well as the source and the amount of each grant or contract:

Source: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please list any payment or contract originating with a foreign government (including subcontracts) you have received since January 1, 2013, as well as the country of origin and amount of each payment or contract.

Country of Origin: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Origin: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please list any payment or contract originating with a foreign government (including subcontracts) the organization has received since January 1, 2013, as well as the country of origin and amount of each payment or contract.

Country of Origin: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Origin: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here if this form is NOT applicable to you:  X

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5) of the U.S. House of Representatives provides:

*(A) Each committee shall, to the greatest extent practicable, require witnesses who appear before it to submit in advance written statements of proposed testimony and to limit their initial presentations to the committee to brief summaries thereof.*

*(B) In the case of a witness appearing in a nongovernmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include a curriculum vitae and a disclosure of any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, received during the current calendar year or either of the two previous calendar years by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing.*

*(C) The disclosure referred to in subdivision (B) shall include--(i) the amount and source of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (ii) the amount and country of origin of any payment or contract related to the subject matter of the hearing originating with a foreign government.*

*(D) Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy or security of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form not later than one day after the witness appears.*

**PLEASE ATTACH DISCLOSURE FORM TO EACH COPY OF TESTIMONY.**

**Committee on Agriculture  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Information Required From Nongovernmental Witnesses**

House rules require nongovernmental witnesses to provide their resume or biographical sketch prior to testifying. If you do not have a resume or biographical sketch available, please complete this form.

1. Name: Eric Grandon
  
2. Organization you represent:  
West Virginia Warriors and Veterans to Agriculture
  
3. Please list any occupational, employment, or work-related experience you have which add to your qualification to provide testimony before the Committee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Own and operate a small commercial vegetable farm for three years.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Veterans to Agriculture Sustainable Agriculture Instructor  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Beekeeping Instructor
  
4. Please list any special training, education, or professional experience you have which add to your qualifications to provide testimony before the Committee: \_\_\_\_\_  
NCAT Armed to Farm 2013, 2014  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Homegrown by Heroes Certified, GHP/GAP trained  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
5. If you are appearing on behalf of an organization, please list the capacity in which you are representing that organization, including any offices or elected positions you hold:  
First farm inducted into the WV Veterans to Agriculture Program  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ATTACH THIS FORM OR YOUR BIOGRAPHY TO EACH COPY OF TESTIMONY.**