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:	Earrak Cotton

- 2. Organization you represent: Kingdom Community Development Services
- 3. Please list any occupational, employment, or work-related experience you have which add to your qualification to provide testimony before the Committee: I have been a farmer/rancher with a cow/calf operation for more than 50 years. I own and operate Cattle For the Kingdom where I not only provide grassfed beef to local ministries, but also manage herds for others. Additionally, I am the executor of my paternal family's farming operation as well as the senior pastor of Unity Temple Family Church and its inherent components including Kingdom Community Development Services and Rural Impact Food Pantry, which has participated in F2F since the beginning to serve well over a million people in rural Oklahoma. I am actively engaged in USDA, RD, FSA, NRCS, OACD, WCD; specifically EQUIP, Community Facilities, Conservation Stewardship Program and more. While I currently serve on Oklahoma's USDA NRCS State Technical Committee, I also partner with NRCS to host community outreach meetings four times a year, Langston University, OSU Agricultural Extension and the Noble Research Institute. I also partner with IRUSA, Convoy of Hope, Northstar Bridge, Joshua House Pantry and Cherokee Cultural Outreach.
- 4. Please list any special training, education, or professional experience you have which add to your qualifications to provide testimony before the Committee: Agricultural record keeping and programs via Pryor Vo-Tech, Artificial Insemination and preg testing, USDA OPPE Faith Fellows Training and more than 50 years of what could deemed as 'field training.' Additionally, for the past three years, my wife and I have attended related local, area, state and regional trainings in an effort to both educate and better understand our role as farm/ranch community advocates.
- 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: <u>CEO and co-owner of Kingdom Community Development Services and Cattle For the Kingdom (CFTK)</u>. I am also the senior pastor of Unity Temple Family Church



Pastor Earrak's life is distinctively marked by genuine strength, humility of spirit and integrity of character. People from all walks of life gravitate to his example of wisdom and un-common-sense approach to life and living. He preaches a practical Word, teaches simple truths and demonstrates a surrendered life.

He has been a licensed an ordained Elder for 40 years. For 32 of those years, he served as Assistant Pastor during the tenure of his father, the late Dr. Willie T. Cotton, Sr. And, for the last eight years, he has been the Senior Pastor of Unity Temple Family Church. In 2019, his commitment both to God and his community was recognized as he received an honorary doctorate in Humane Letters.

Married to Arnetta for 41 years, they have four adult children who are all married and active in ministry with their spouses. They have been blessed with one loving goddaughter, eleven grandchildren and four god-grandsons.

Earrak has over 54 years of farm and ranch experience, 39 years of farm and ranch management via Cattle For The Kingdom (CFTK). As such, he currently serves on the USDA NRCS State Technical Committee in Oklahoma. In 2015, he retired from a 30-year career with State Farm Insurance to wholly devote himself as an Ambassador in the Kingdom of God.

He thoroughly enjoys his pastoral and counseling responsibilities, his service in the community via Kingdom Community Development Services Corporation (KCDS) and the Rural Impact Food Pantry, and the freedom to live simply.