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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION
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Good afternoon Madam Chairwoman, Ranking Member Brady and members of the Committee. I am pleased to be here today in support of the Agriculture Committee's budget request. I am very proud of our Committee's history of being able to work together and get things done. I look forward to continuing that tradition during the 114th Congress.

As Chairman Conaway has already outlined, there is much work for the Agriculture Committee this Congress and it is important that we have the necessary resources to meet our ambitious agenda.

I believe the record shows we have been a frugal Committee. The Chairman and I are both CPAs and are both committed to operating within our budget confines. He has stated a desire to address duplicative areas within the Committee's budget and I look forward to working with him in this area. Much like his predecessor, Chairman Conaway has been respectful of the rights of the Minority and I appreciate his efforts.

I thank the Committee for the opportunity to testify today and appreciate your consideration of the Agriculture Committee's budget request.