

**Testimony of House Agriculture Committee Ranking Member Angie Craig
Committee on House Administration Hearing on Committee Budgets**

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Chairman Steil, Ranking Member Morelle and Members of the House Administration Committee, thank you for allowing me to speak to you related to the House Agriculture Committee's 119th Congress Budget Request.

I look forward to working with Chairman Thompson on all of the work that we have ahead of us this Congress.

As you know, we still need to pass a Farm Bill after multiple extensions. We also expect work on reconciliation, and as Chairman Thompson has discussed, work remains on the CFTC and legislation surrounding digital assets.

As we all know, our staffs are key to our success in this institution. To that end, as we shared with the Committee, we request a 5% budget increase. These resources will allow us to attract and retain experienced and knowledgeable staff.

I also appreciate the increase we received last Congress, but our work has not yet let up - we still need to pass a farm bill. We also expect some more Farm Bill listening sessions to adequately inform our work.

I appreciate the long-standing history of the majority working with the minority on sharing resources for the minority to accommodate our priorities and hope that relationship continues in the 119th.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and I look forward to any questions.