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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin Chair Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee 129 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Hoeven Ranking Member Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee 125 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Baldwin and Ranking Member Hoeven:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit congressionally directed spending requests to the Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23). I have focused these requests on programs of particular significance to my home state of Maryland. None of the entities for which I have requested congressionally directed spending are for-profit entities.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal Year 2023 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

I appreciate your careful consideration of these important requests.

Sincerely.

Benjamin L. Cardin United States Senator