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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Martin Heinrich  
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 Heinrich and Ranking Member Hoeven:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit congressionally directed spending requests to the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee for Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24). 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 2024 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies 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