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Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Agricultural Research Service **Cereal Disease Lab: St. Paul, MN** in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **University of Minnesota**, located at 600 McNamara Alumni Center S.E., 200 SE Oak Street, Minneapolis, MN 55455. The funding would be used for the planning and design phase of a new next generation Cereal Disease Laboratory facility in St. Paul, MN. As the premier cereal disease research laboratory, these investments are critical if we are to continue making gains in addressing new and emerging highly pathogenic strains in wheat, or mycotoxins in corn, that not only destroy crops but cause illness and death in livestock and humans consuming the infected grain. With the complexities of our changing environment coupled with increased vulnerability to the global food supply, access to new cutting-edge technical capabilities is needed to take on growing challenges in cereal disease.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Betty McCollum  
Member of Congress