



THANK YOU CHAIRMAN BONILLA!

On behalf of the members of the Coalition on Funding Agricultural Research Missions (CoFARM), we express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your leadership and continued support of competitively awarded scientific research within the **USDA National Research Initiative (NRI)** program. We share your belief that much of what has been accomplished to improve our systems of food production, protection, and distribution can be attributed, directly or indirectly, to the USDA research portfolio. Your steadfast commitment to competitively awarded, peer-reviewed agricultural research and the USDA, has made possible much of the progress that has been achieved in this nation's efforts to overcome disease and to provide a healthier food supply for all Americans.

In this time of increasing challenges, both at home and abroad, your leadership on behalf of agricultural research is needed more than ever. The more than 130,000 members of CoFARM representing scientific societies, academic and research organizations, and industry hope to continue to work with you in support of our mutual goal in the 109th Congress.

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