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The Honorable Brooke L. Rollins
United States Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250

Re: USDA Reorganization Plan

Dear Secretary Rollins:

I write to relate my enthusiastic support for the USDA Reorganization Plan. As part of the Plan, USDA will move resources out of Washington and closer to the farmers, ranchers, producers, and rural communities USDA was established to serve. I understand that Georgia will welcome approximately 200 USDA employees and USDA will expand hiring in our state because of the Reorganization Plan.

Since I took office, Georgia has welcomed 237,700 jobs and investments totaling \$155.5 billion. Many of those jobs and investments are in the agribusiness and food manufacturing sectors. For example, Nestle Purina, Pilgrim's, Cargill, and Tyson Foods, among others, have recently invested in Georgia communities, delivering thousands of jobs. Additionally, Georgia tops the nation in peanut and broiler production, and we have over 9.9 million acres in total operating farmland. Georgia is also leading the way on agriculture technology, with Georgia companies on the cutting edge of agricultural robotics, livestock management software, and precision farming.

Given that agriculture and food manufacturing are powerful drivers of Georgia's economic engine, moving USDA resources to Georgia from Washington is both sensible and practical. USDA employees relocating to Georgia will provide valuable contributions to our industrious mix of farmers, ranchers, producers, agribusinesses, and food manufacturing companies. Georgia businesses will likewise benefit from USDA's proximity. USDA employees relocating to Georgia will find that Georgians value USDA's important work on food, agriculture, economic development, science, and natural resource conservation, and, like many Americans who have recently relocated to Georgia, they will learn that Georgia is a superb state in which to live, work, and raise a family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B.P. Kemp", written over a horizontal line.

Brian P. Kemp