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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump,

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request that you withdraw my name immediately from consideration for the position of Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics at the United States Department of Agriculture. Please know that I am eternally grateful and humbled by your nomination.

The political climate inside Washington has made it impossible for me to receive balanced and fair consideration for this position. The relentless assaults on you and your team seem to be a blood sport that only increases in intensity each day. As I am focused on your success and the success of this Administration, I do not want to be a distraction or negative influence, particularly with so much important work left to do for the American people.

I have served this nation for 50 years with dignity, honor and integrity and will continue to do so. I am grateful to Secretary Perdue and you for having the confidence in me to nominate me. I also wish to thank Senator Pat Roberts for being in my corner along with the other Republican members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry. It saddens me that circumstances will not allow me to fulfill your, or their, expectations in that role.

I worked hard during the campaign and take some pride in the accomplishment of having you elevated to the Presidency. I am particularly proud that you are my President and know that the American people have someone in the White House who truly cares for this country and its citizens. I will remain a devoted and loyal supporter and will continue to serve at the pleasure of you and the Secretary of Agriculture.

Again, thanks for the consideration. God Bless you and the United States of America.

Very respectfully,



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