

December 17, 2009

Dear Senator Nelson,

I am writing in support of your continued efforts to obtain funds for the construction of a UNL/ARS Research facility to be located at UNL's new Nebraska Innovation Campus. A new facility can only energize the efforts of top scientists, and create an excellent opportunity for UNL scientists to work in conjunction with ARS researchers.

As a long-time Director and current Chairman of the Nebraska Soybean Board, I have had extensive experience in research funding, and have observed the value of ARS and University researchers working together to reach a common goal.

A facility of this kind would help leverage funds provided by local and regional sources to obtain research funding from the federal level.

Agricultural research is critical to the continued profitability of Nebraska's farmers and beneficial to the state's economy as a whole. Bio Energy research funding is of utmost importance to help bolster our rural economy by creating new markets for ag products as well as creating jobs to generate additional tax revenue.

Thank you for your many years of work supporting Nebraska agriculture and agricultural research as well as your support and leadership in obtaining planning and initial construction funds of the ARS building.

Sincerely,

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