

July 16, 2010

The Hon. Daniel K. Inouye, Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
722 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-1102

The Hon. Thad Cochran, Ranking Member  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
113 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-2402

Dear Chairman Inouye and Ranking Member Cochran:

On Behalf of Goodwill Industries International (Goodwill), I am writing to thank you for providing \$4.8 million AgrAbility (farm safety) in the 2011 Appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs draft bill.

Goodwill has a long history in meeting the employment and training needs of people with disabilities who live and work in rural communities, including agriculture workers who have suffered disabling injuries. While our agencies utilize a variety of federal funding streams, AgrAbility is one of our highest priority programs. Funding for this program will continue to provide the resources needed to help agricultural workers with disabilities to overcome their employment challenges.

Especially during such trying economic times, Goodwill understands the difficult challenge that appropriators face as they struggle to stretch limited resources to support an ever-increasing list of national priorities, and we appreciate your efforts in continuing to provide funding for this critical program.

Sincerely,



Jim Gibbons  
President and CEO

CC:

Hon. Herb Kohl, Chair Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

Hon. Sam Brownback, Ranking Member Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies