



# City of Sierra Vista

Office of the Mayor

February 18, 2010

The Honorable Gabrielle Giffords  
U.S. Congress  
1728 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Re: FY11 Appropriation Request  
USDA, Agricultural Research Service

Dear Congresswoman Giffords:

I give my full support for the appropriation request for the USDA, Agricultural Research Service (ARS) to Improve Water Resource Management and Enhance Aquifer Recharge in the Desert Southwest Under a Changing Climate. This groundbreaking work by ARS will provide us with important information on climate change in the Southwest and effective strategies for managing our water resources in light of these climatic conditions. Please note that the President's FY11 budget includes a proposed \$200,000 program increase for ARS Tucson for work in the area of climate change. These funds could potentially be leveraged with the appropriation requested here to help us reach sustainability in the Sierra Vista Sub-watershed.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support of this appropriation request. We appreciate all your hard work on our behalf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert B. Strain".

Robert B. Strain  
Mayor