

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 30, 2022

The Honorable Tom Vilsack
Secretary of Agriculture
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Vilsack,

We are pleased to write this letter encouraging the full and fair consideration of the application submitted by Think ReHemption to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for funding through the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities. This proposal, titled “ReHemption: The Revitalization of Crops, Community and Climate Smart Practices,” will provide resources to historically underserved producers seeking to adopt climate-smart practices and increase hemp production for industrial applications.

As members of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee, we are deeply committed to supporting farmers who have historically been left behind by USDA. These farmers must be represented throughout USDA’s programming, including any efforts to expand financial and technical assistance for climate-smart agriculture.

With support from faculty at Emory University, North Carolina A&T State University, and Knox College, Think ReHemption’s proposal will support the establishment of a network to educate historically underserved farmers on the benefits of hemp production and climate-smart agriculture. This project will also encourage the implementation and monitoring of climate-smart practices on farms across their network, helping farmers improve carbon sequestration and soil health. These resources will ensure that our historically underserved farmers can contribute in the fight against climate change while keeping their operations profitable.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to continuing our work with you to invest in underserved farmers across this nation.

Sincerely,



Reverend Raphael Warnock
United States Senator



Cory A. Booker
United States Senator