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Dr. Sally Taylor
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Dear Sally,

As the Agriculture and Natural Resources Cooperative Extension Agent for the City of Suffolk, I am writing this letter in support of your grant titled “Evaluation of current Virginia peanut cultivars, and advanced breeding lines, for southern corn rootworm resistance.” The city of Suffolk, and its farmers, have always had strong connections with peanut. Peanut is grown and processed here and makes significant contributions to our economy. Without a pesticide necessary for peanut production in our area, our crop producers would greatly benefit from planting resistant cultivars.

My program will assist you to keep our growers informed on your work. I co-organize the annual peanut production meeting in Virginia as well as multiple pesticide recertification classes. My program also participates in peanut/cotton award banquets. I regularly post videos to our social media that inform producers on how to scout and treat for insect pests and other problems. Please let me know if there is further assistance that I may provide. I look forward to our continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth Pittman'.

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