

29 November 2021

Sally Taylor
Virginia Tech Agricultural Research and Extension Center
6321 Holland Rd.
Suffolk, VA 23437

Dear Sally,

I writing this letter in support of your Southern Sustainable Agricultural Research and Education On-Farm Research Grant proposal titled, "Evaluation of current Virginia peanut cultivars, and advanced breeding lines, for southern corn rootworm resistance." I am a multi-generational farmer in Southeastern Virginia. I currently manage my family farm alongside my son, Paul Rogers, III who is our Virginia member on the National Peanut Board. We grow corn, peanuts, cotton, wheat, and soybeans. Peanuts are a valuable crop in our operation and managing rootworms on our heavier land will be a critical issue. I have worked with your program on peanuts and we have planted on-farm experiments testing insecticides for rootworm. I am highly interested in continuing to help your program to find a better, sustainable way to manage rootworm pests. As in prior years, our farm can serve as a host site for demonstration and experiments planned for the field season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul W. Rogers, Jr.".

Paul W. Rogers, Jr.