

United States Senate

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The Honorable Tom Harkin
Chairman
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
and Forestry
328 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Saxby Chambliss
Ranking Member
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
and Forestry
328 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Harkin and Senator Chambliss:

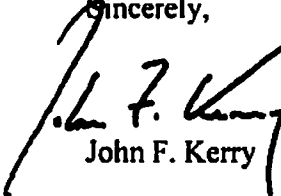
I'm writing pursuant to Senate Rule XLIV about my request for a congressionally-directed spending item in the pending Farm Bill.

On September 4, I wrote the Committee to request that the Farm Bill include \$10 million for the Cranberry Research Enhancement Initiative. Neither I nor my wife has a pecuniary interest in this request.

The USDA would administer the Initiative and make competitive funding awards based on research priorities, including improved growth and environmental practices. The program would be of particular benefit to Massachusetts growers, who are the nation's second leading producers of cranberries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



John F. Kerry