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The Honorable Governor Pedro Rafael Pierluisi Urrutia  
Office of the Governor 63 C. de la Fortaleza  
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901

The Honorable Secretary Manuel Cidre Miranda  
Department of Economic Development and Commerce (DDEC)

The Honorable Secretary Ramón González Beiró  
Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture

Dear Gov. Pierlusi, Secretary Cidre, and Secretary Gonzalez:

The National Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce (NPRCC) is writing to express our organization's full support for the proposed **Puerto Rico Food Security & Climate-Resilient Agriculture Strategic Plan**. We believe that this plan is a critical step towards ensuring the food security of Puerto Rico, and we are committed to doing our part to ensure its successful implementation. We recognize the importance of this plan in creating a more resilient and sustainable agricultural system in Puerto Rico, and we are confident that it will have a positive impact on the island's economy and environment.

Our organization is excited to collaborate with all stakeholders involved in order to guarantee the success of this plan. The NPRCC's aim is to reduce Puerto Rico's reliance on imported food and make agriculture a vital part of a thriving, well-balanced economy. We believe that this plan can help Puerto Rico reach its potential and create a brighter future for the island.

Our economic development priorities are focused on job creation and workforce development. We believe that a strategic partnership between all stakeholders is essential to achieving our goals. With the resources available, we can create long-term job opportunities and develop initiatives to create a better-skilled workforce. This will help us to reach our economic development objectives and ensure success for everyone involved

Puerto Rico is in need of an agricultural renaissance. After decades of economic downturn, austerity measures, and natural disasters, the time to take action is now. We trust that you will make the best decision for Puerto Rico and its economy. With the right investments and policies, Puerto Rico can once again become a prosperous agricultural powerhouse. We must take this opportunity to build a brighter future for the island and its people.

We are grateful for your consideration of our request. Your time and effort in considering this proposal are greatly appreciated. We understand the importance of making the right decision, and we thank you for taking the time to review this proposal.

Respectfully,

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Dr. Justin Vélez-Hagan  
Executive Director

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Joel Berrocal  
National Director of Operations