Dear XXX

I have been informed that the President's budget for FY 2018 drastically cuts the budget for NOAA's Regional Climate Center (RCC) program. I currently use the climate data services provided by the Northeast RCC (NRCC), and depend on them for my agricultural operation. NRCC is a key partner in the Network for Environment and Weather Applications (NEWA; http://newa.cornell.edu), provided by the New York State Integrated Pest Management Program at Cornell University. The NEWA tools are a key part of my planning and decision making process when growing my crops. They are a crucial resource for maximizing the benefits of NOAA data on my farm. Services provided by the partnerships between NRCC and NEWA are open-access, fast, accurate and extremely helpful.

Specifically my company XXXXXXXX and I use the climate information provided by the NRCC via NEWA models such as XXXXXX. It would be very difficult to get this information if the NRCC loses its funding and is forced to close. Sentence about value either in terms of dollars, constituents served or some other quantitative metric.

I strongly urge you to make sure funding for Regional Climate Centers is maintained in the final version of the FY 2018 budget as they are a vital NOAA asset, and are important to my farming operation.

Sincerely,