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J. Scott Angle, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Angle,

On behalf of the Entomological Society of America (ESA), I'd like to congratulate you and welcome you to your new post at the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).

ESA is the largest organization in the world serving the professional and scientific needs of entomologists and individuals in related disciplines. Founded in 1889, ESA has almost 7,000 members affiliated with educational institutions, science agencies, private industry, and government. As a member of the AFRI Coalition, ESA is an active participant in the agricultural research advocacy community promoting the benefits of federal investment in USDA.

As you are likely aware, advances in basic entomological sciences provide a foundation of knowledge important for addressing some of the most pressing issues our nation faces with respect to food safety and sustainability, public health, and the environment, including pollinator health, invasive species, and vector-borne diseases.

NIFA is important to the ESA membership as it supports critical entomological research studies and the development of pest management techniques and resources. I join ESA's members and staff in expressing our enthusiasm for working with you in your new capacity to continue to support our members' exciting and innovative work through USDA sponsored research.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if ESA can serve as a resource or be of assistance in any way. For more information about ESA, please visit <http://www.entsoc.org> or contact ESA's Executive Director David Gammel at dgammel@entsoc.org.

Congratulations once again on your appointment.

Sincerely,

Michael Parrella, Ph.D.
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