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May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Center for Agricultural Animal Genetic Engineering and Health in fiscal year 2025.

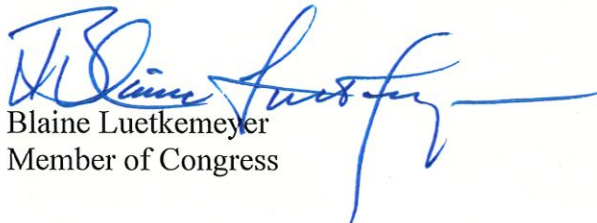
The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Missouri – Columbia College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources and is located at 2-64 Agriculture Building, Columbia, MO 65201.

The funding would be used for a new Agriculture Research Service (ARS) Research Lab at the Center for Agricultural Animal Genetic Engineering and Health. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because it will meet the need of producing genetic variant animals for research and act as a hub for genetic research and activities to improve animal health and yields that will benefit the livestock industry in Missouri and across the country.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized in 7 U.S. Code section 2250.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Blaine Luetkemeyer  
Member of Congress