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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 University of Missouri Research Reactor project in fiscal year 2025.

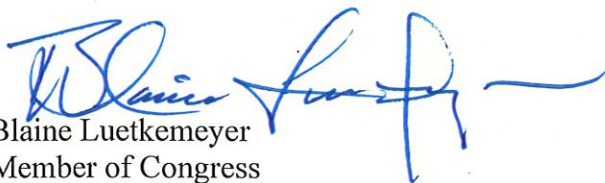
The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Missouri located at 1513 Research Park Drive, Columbia, Missouri 65211.

For more than 50 years the University of Missouri Research Reactor (MURR) has promoted groundbreaking research and developed life-saving radiopharmaceuticals, providing benefits to people across the country and around the world. MURR is the highest-power university research reactor in the United States, operating at 10 megawatts, 6.5 days a week and 52 weeks a year. The MURR facility enables research across many disciplines – from investigating ancient cultures and how plants respond to their environment, to the groundbreaking research that helps us gain a better understanding of how to detect and treat cancer, the MURR facility is a reliable resource for researchers, scientists, engineers, and students across the country. The funding would be used towards equipment that will be used at the MURR West expansion site. This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will allow for MURR to fulfill the mission for the National Institute of Science and Technology’s mission by expanding their research capabilities that will enhance economic security by ensuring this groundbreaking research continues to happen in United States and improve our quality of life by leading the way in the fight against cancer.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

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