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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the University of Missouri Research Reactor project in fiscal year 2024.

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

This funding will enable the University of Missouri Research Reactor (MURR), which is the only university research reactor in the country to this scale and capacity, to purchase the equipment necessary to establish and expand radioisotope research processing laboratories that will lead the way with innovative isotope research. MURR scientists have already pioneered the development of two radioisotopes of phosphorus, which are now used by researchers throughout the world in protein and DNA analysis. At the expansion facility, MURR West, which is set to open in 2024, they will have an expanded capacity to further their research on isotopes which will help us better understand the chemistry of living systems. MURR is the prime example of research that fulfills NIST's mission by enhancing economic security through their research occurring in America rather anywhere else in the world and improving our quality of life by leading the way as a leader in isotope innovation.

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