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April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capital  
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting \$20 million for the Next Generation University of Missouri Research Reactor in fiscal year 2023.

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

The funding would be used to begin the design and planning work necessary for the eventual construction of a 20-megawatt research reactor specifically designed and built to produce critical short-lived medical radioisotopes for use in diagnostic and therapeutic radiopharmaceuticals that are needed by cancer patients across the nation.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because it will compliment and strengthen the life-saving medical research being conducted at the MU NextGen Precision Health facility by adding world-class capabilities in medical radioisotopes, nuclear medicine, and molecular imaging as well as creating a national cluster for innovation in drug discovery.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Blaine Luetkemeyer  
Member of Congress