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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Leading-Edge Radioisotope Processing Equipment in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is The University of Missouri, located at 105 Jesse Hall, Columbia, MO 65211. The funding would be used for the acquisition of equipment necessary for radioisotope processing laboratories specifically designed to produce critical short-lived radioisotopes for medical and research applications.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these radioisotopes are used to treat various types of cancer and support research and scientific advancements in nuclear science, material testing, and reactor technology, while contributing to the broader field of scientific discovery and innovation. The new equipment will help secure and ensure the domestic supply of these critical cancer-fighting radiopharmaceuticals.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,



Bob Onder (MO-03)
Member of Congress