

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-2504

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Safe and Reliable Reactor Operations at the University of Missouri in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Curators of the University of Missouri, located at 118 University Hall, Columbia, MO 65211. The funding would be used to acquire critical equipment for the safe and reliable operation of the University of Missouri Research Reactor (MURR), the nation's largest university research reactor and sole domestic producer of key medical radioisotopes used to treat cancer and advance nuclear science research.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the funding will ensure the continued safe and reliable operation of MURR, preventing disruptions in the supply of life-saving isotopes and enabling cutting-edge research in nuclear science, energy, and materials technology. The reactor also supports education and training for the next generation of scientists, engineers, and healthcare professionals.

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

  
Mark Alford  
Member of Congress