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The Honorable John Griesheimer  
Chair, Senate Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government  
State Capitol, Room 227  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Senator Griesheimer:

On behalf of the members of The Civic Council of Greater Kansas City, the undersigned members of the Board of Directors are writing to voice the Civic Council's strong support for the Missouri Science and Innovation Reinvestment Act (MOSIRA), SB 572.

Promotion of science and innovation is critical to creating high-paying, high-growth jobs in the State of Missouri and attracting and retaining a talented and well-educated workforce. MOSIRA is exactly the type of investment the State of Missouri must make if we are going to build a competitive future for the state.

The purpose of MOSIRA is to foster economic growth through the creation, attraction, retention and growth of quality jobs by providing a predictable, stable source of funding for building science and innovation companies and infrastructure in Missouri. MOSIRA will capture only the new growth in state income taxes generated by new employees working in Missouri within designated science and innovation fields. The captured revenue would be reinvested in the science and innovation industry to assure future and continued growth in this critical sector of Missouri's economy.

MOSIRA establishes a new public authority with an independent board. It is absolutely critical that this authority be created in a way that ensures that projects are selected because they have the highest potential to return investment to the state's economy. This will require that individuals who serve on this board are highly knowledgeable about science and technology, the start-up, financing and successful management of new businesses, and the market place within

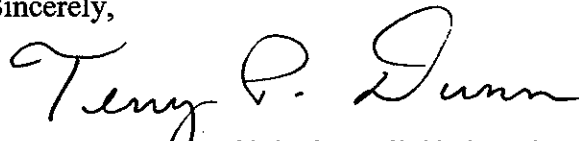
which Missouri must compete for recognition as a desirable place to engage in scientific inquiry and to develop new products and businesses in science and technology.

Missouri has an unfortunate history of failing to recognize the opportunities and provide the investments necessary to compete successfully for lucrative projects, including major federal laboratories and company relocations that would have brought hundreds of millions of outside dollars, jobs, tax revenues, and corollary businesses to the state. Although the state has moved forward in recent years by adding economic development tools such as Quality Jobs, the toolbox for developing a strong science and technology sector still is not competitive with neighboring states and others across the United States.

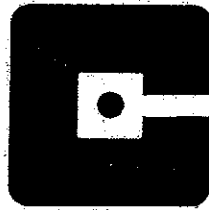
The adoption of MOSIRA would provide the needed ability and flexibility give Missouri a competitive advantage in competing for such transformational opportunities. The investment in science and innovation contemplated by MOSIRA will help lead Missouri to an economic recovery that is focused on the future vitality and economic health of the state and its citizens.

The Civic Council strongly encourages you to support SB 572, and we thank you in advance for your consideration and support of MOSIRA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terrence P. Dunn". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Terrence P. Dunn, Civic Council Chair and  
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