



March 19, 2009

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:

In the view of many, the State of Missouri and the Mid-Continent Region have a seminal opportunity to transform our regional economy from its traditional industrial basis to one centered on our emerging strengths in the biosciences.

Missouri's strengths reflected in Washington University in St. Louis and the Stowers Institute of Medical Research in Kansas City are increasingly recognized as competitive on a national—even international—basis.

I am writing to express strong support for the Missouri Science and Innovation Reinvestment Act (MOSIRA), SB 572. This legislation would 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.

Missouri has lost out on lucrative projects, including major federal laboratories and company relocations that would have brought hundreds of millions of outside dollars to the state, primarily because Missouri could not provide the funding and other incentives necessary to attract such jobs and investment. MOSIRA would change all that.

The Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute urges the State of Missouri to take advantage of this significant opportunity by enacting MOSIRA.

Sincerely,

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Chairman  
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cc: Senator Tom Dempsey  
Senator Victor Callahan  
Senator Jack Goodman  
Senator Jim Lembke  
Senator Ryan McKenna

Senator David Pearce  
Senator Luann Ridgeway  
Senator Eric Schmitt  
Senator Wes Shoemyer