

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2501

April 30, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rose DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the API Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Hub in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Missouri-St. Louis, located at 1 University Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63121. The funding would be used to advance cutting-edge research in continuous flow pharmaceutical manufacturing, develop scalable and efficient production processes, and enhance domestic capabilities for Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) and Finished Drug Products (FDPs).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses national health security risks by increasing the domestic production of essential medications and reducing vulnerability to foreign supply chain disruptions—it would ensure more reliable access to critical drugs while helping the U.S. regain leadership in pharmaceutical manufacturing. It also supports regional economic development through job creation, workforce training, and private-sector collaboration. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W3mf', likely representing Wesley Bell.

Wesley Bell
Member of Congress