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Dear Ms. Doone:

By letter dated September 13, 2012, you notified the Committee of the Department of Energy's intent to reprogram \$120,000,000 within the Weapons Activities Appropriation. The Committee approves the reprogramming of \$43,300,000 from the Chemistry and Metallurgy Research (CMR) Facility Replacement Project to Operations of Facilities at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Reprogrammed funds shall only be used for planning; for pre-conceptual design activities; to relocate equipment from the existing CMR Facility; and to achieve operational readiness of the Radiological Laboratory Utility Office Building (RLUOB). Reprogrammed funds shall not be used to perform construction activities, including reconfiguring PF-4 to meet enduring plutonium infrastructure requirements. The Department shall identify any reprogrammed Operations of Facilities funding unneeded to fulfill approved purposes as available for rescission in a future budget request.

The Department may use existing funding within the authorized CMR Facility Replacement project, or request new funding under a separately-managed project in the President's Budget Request, if additional work is needed to increase the utilization of laboratory space in the RLUOB. The Committee directs the Department to submit a request for a new line-item construction project in the President's Budget Request for any work needed to enhance the capabilities of PF-4.

Marcy Kaptur
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Sincerely,

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Chairman,
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