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Dr. Patrick Westhoff, Co-Director
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Dear Dr. Westhoff and Dr. Meyers:

It is my distinct pleasure to recognize the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute at the University of Missouri (FAPRI-MU) on its 25 years of service. Missouri is privileged to have such a vibrant and growing research organization in Columbia.

FAPRI's research provides valuable information to policy makers, businesses, organizations, local governments, and individuals. This underscores the importance of community involvement and demonstrates your commitment to enriching the lives of others in our state and country. As a nonpartisan organization, FAPRI has been able to do so much. By examining national policy issues, researching economic issues that affect Missouri farms, and working with researchers around the world, your impact is both local and global. That is truly remarkable.

I commend your achievements. Thank you for all that you do, and I wish you many more prosperous years.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill
United States Senator