



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Kent Hance, Chancellor

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The Honorable Randy Neugebauer
1424 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Neugebauer:

On behalf of the Texas Tech University System, I respectfully ask for your support of FY2010 funding in the amount of \$4.2M for the Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr. National Program for Countermeasures to Biological and Chemical Threats at The Institute of Environmental and Human Health (TIEHH) at the Reese Technology Center in Lubbock, Texas.

This important collaboration between the TIEHH, Texas Tech University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center has the primary mission to further the understanding and ability of operational military forces to identify and mitigate any threats war fighters may face from biological and chemical weapon agents in any environment at any time.

Funding is necessary to build on the successes of phase I of this program, which are directly applicable to protecting U.S. Department of Defense personnel and facilities from covert and overt exposures to biological and chemical weapons threats.

I am grateful for your assistance and truly appreciate your continued support of Texas Tech and all that you do for the great State of Texas. Please feel free to contact me if I or my staff can assist you in any way.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kent Hance". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kent Hance

