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Dear Representatives,

My name is Paul Nakroshis, and I am a resident of Peaks Island, and am an Associate Professor and Chair of the Physics Department at USM in Portland. I have been at USM since 1997.

I am writing in support of LDL 1014 and can assure you that USM is in desperate need of deferred maintenance. My office and research lab are in portion of the science building constructed in 1975. The physics department laboratory spaces and offices are in terrible shape, and have not been updated since 1975. If the summer, I am unable to conduct research in my lab because there is no A/C and the temperature regularly exceeds 86 degrees. It is similarly hot in the student spaces in the summer, which is a huge impediment when teaching summer school and having students try to focus on research.

In 2015, we managed to update one of our introductory laboratories, but our upper level research spaces are in dire need of updating, with original cabinetry from 1975 whose condition and appearance make it embarrassing to show to prospective students. I have gone so far as to have plans drawn up to renovate our teaching and lab spaces, and LDL 1014 could be a huge help to us in accomplishing this.

Independent of my departmental concerns, there are deferred maintenance issues in the science building in general --- we regularly have roof leaks in storms, have bathrooms that haven't been updated for 50 years, and we need help to fix these.

Our students are our future, and USM has one of the most dedicated students and caring faculty I have had the pleasure of working with. We owe our students the ability to learn in functional spaces that are not embarrassing to showcase. Please help us by passing LDL 1014.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Paul Andrew Nakroshis'.

Paul Andrew Nakroshis  
Chair, Department of Physics