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Sen. Jack Goodman Works to Preserve Southwest Center Extension Funding

Gov. Nixon Considers Pulling Funding from Key Research Center in Southwest Missouri

JEFFERSON CITY – Senator Jack Goodman (R-Mt. Vernon) today pledged to continue working for continued funding for the Southwest Missouri Agricultural Research and Education Center located in Mt. Vernon. The facility is part of the University of Missouri’s College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources.

Governor Nixon’s administration notified the University of Missouri yesterday (1/27) of possible funding cuts, citing less than projected funding for capital improvement projects through the Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative Fund. The Governor’s administration indicated that a significant number of projects are under review. Among those projects is a new extension of the Southwest Missouri Agricultural Research and Education Center.

“The Southwest Center extension is a critical project for agriculture in our state and we should move forward with providing the funding it requires,” Sen. Goodman said. “It serves the interests of higher education, one of the most important facets of a prosperous Missouri, and agriculture, one of the most important industries in Southwest Missouri.”

Currently, the Southwest Center project is under review by the Office of Administration and the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. A decision about whether or not to fund the project is expected shortly.

“I will continue to work with the governor to ensure a positive outcome to this situation,” Sen. Goodman said.

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