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Statement of SURA President & CEO on Governor Kaine's Biennial Budget

SURA applauds Governor Kaine's leadership in advocating for a strong investment in research in the Commonwealth of Virginia. By complementing a federal commitment of \$310 million for an upgrade of the particle accelerator at Jefferson Lab with a generous \$7.5 million state investment, the governor is sending a strong signal that the Commonwealth promotes world class science and the education of another generation of well-trained scientists and engineers. Investments of this type have proven time and again to have a strong and lasting impact on the local as well as the state economy – as clearly attested to by Silicon Valley in California and the Dulles Corridor in Northern Virginia.

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