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Dear Professor Yennello:

I am writing to express my sincere congratulations to you and your colleagues during a milestone year marking two momentous achievements: the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Texas A&M University's K150 cyclotron's first external beam as well as the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Texas A&M's K500 superconducting cyclotron's first internal beam.

Fifty years ago, the Atomic Energy Commission partnered with the State of Texas and the Welch Foundation to fund the construction of a K150 cyclotron in College Station. It is gratifying that this first cyclotron—coupled with its successor built 20 years later and a myriad of additional experimental equipment—continues to serve as the workhorse for a three-fold program in discovery science, workforce development, and radiation effects testing.

Thanks to the inspired leadership and stewardship you and your colleagues have provided during the past half-century, the Texas A&M University Cyclotron Institute has progressed from that early small laboratory into a Department of Energy Center of Excellence for Nuclear Physics, of which only five exist in the United States. The accomplishments are too numerous to count, from groundbreaking discoveries and technological achievements, to an entire generation of talented nuclear scientists, many of whom are among today's top leaders in nuclear science across the nation and globe.

I wish you every success in building upon an impressive legacy in transformative research, cutting-edge accelerator-based education, and innovative service to the



state, nation, and world, as I join in celebrating your proud past, present, and future in exploring the nuclear frontier.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy J. Hallman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "H".

Timothy J. Hallman  
Associate Director of the Office of Science  
for Nuclear Physics