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Dear Dr. Kaufman,

I am requesting reappointment as a senior researcher. My research is focused modeling disruptions of global crude oil. One important aspect of this modeling effort is the potential disruption of imported crude to the refineries on the Texas Gulf Coast and the effect on the economy. In the last year, I did extensive research on other authors' approaches to this problem and found that there are few examples of simulations- primarily due to the lack of publically available data. Access to journal articles from the University of Texas library was a major contribution to the future development of a model and simulation. The University and Sandia are long time collaborators in many areas of research, this being one of them, and continued collaboration strengthens our partnership.

Thank you for consideration of my request.

Sincerely  
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