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To Members of the California Delegation:

The University of California urges Congress to complete action on a fiscal year 2014 budget that maintains the federal government's commitment to higher education, scientific research and health care. The University also requests that Congress take action to repeal the sequester. The University is greatly concerned that the continuation of the sequester greatly threatens our ability to remain internationally competitive, maintain our continued excellence in education and research, and diminishes student financial aid programs that are of significant importance to our UC students.

Federal investments are essential to UC's mission to educate future generations, conduct cutting edge scientific research and provide quality health care. Short-term budgeting, combined with the threat of future sequestration cuts, creates uncertainty, lost opportunities, and in some cases higher costs that can have damaging, long-term effects on California and the nation.

As students and their families make important decisions about higher education, they need to know that there is strong and sustained financial aid from year-to-year to help finance the costs of college. The precarious budget situation also threatens to disrupt – even terminate – vital research that provides good jobs, new cures, technologies and innovations now, as well as economic growth for the future. Furthermore, we risk a national scientific brain drain if brilliant young researchers become discouraged from pursuing science careers – just when other nations are increasing their research and innovation investments as never before.

The University recognizes the challenging economic times and the difficult decisions that policy makers will have to make in the upcoming months regarding the federal budget. The partnership between the University and the federal government is vitally important and allows UC to educate the next-generation workforce, make ground breaking discoveries, provide world-class health care, and create economic growth through start-up companies and spinoff industries. As these tough budgetary decisions are considered, the University encourages Congress to adopt proposals that provide fiscal stability so that the University and Congress – working together – can continue to make great progress towards achieving national economic recovery.

Thank you for your work on behalf of UC and California. If you have any questions regarding the impact of specific budget proposals on the University of California, please contact Associate Vice President Gary Falle in the University's Office of Federal Governmental Relations at (202) 974-6300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel M. Dooley".

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