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Members of the California Congressional Delegation

The University of California has just issued its 2012 Annual Accountability Report, which is part of a comprehensive framework I created several years ago to ensure greater accountability and transparency across the UC system. The 2012 report includes over 100 unique indicators that measure how well the University is doing on key performance indicators. The report provides valuable trend data on issues related to the University's mission of teaching, research, and public service.

Overall, the findings indicate UC's continuing success in a range of areas, including attracting highly qualified applicants; enrolling an economically diverse student body; graduating students in record times, including Pell Grant recipients and transfer students; and increasing graduate enrollment. The report also illustrates, however, how State budget cuts are taking a toll by creating larger class sizes, less competitive faculty and staff salaries, and higher costs for upper-middle-income and wealthier students.

Below are some of the findings in this year's report that may be of particular interest to you:

- Despite State funding cuts, admission to at least one UC campus is still offered to all qualified California students.
- Applications to UC have doubled and enrollment has grown 59 percent over the past 17 years.
- UC enrolls more low-income and first-generation college students than any other leading U.S. research university.

- UC enrolls a higher percentage of Pell Grant recipients than any other comparable research university in the country.
- UC graduation rates for both entering freshman and transfer students have increased over the past ten years, and the time-to-degree has fallen for both groups of students.
- The net cost of attendance for students from families earning less than \$100,000 per year has remained fairly steady since 2004-05, primarily due to strong network of federal, State and institutional aid programs.
- Students at UC have more State and institutional aid available to them than students attending other large public research universities, which enables our campuses to attract a very high proportion of high-achieving students from low-income families.
- Roughly one-half of UC undergraduates graduate with no student loan debt, and among those who do borrow, the average debt burden of graduating seniors is well below the national average.

The 2012 Accountability Report can be viewed at: http://accountability.universityofcalifornia.edu/documents/accountabilityreport12.pdf. I encourage you to be in touch with our Office of Federal Government Relations at (202) 974-6300 to discuss this report or if you need additional information.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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