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The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
United States Senate  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-0505

Dear Senator Boxer:

On behalf of the University of California, I wish to offer you and your colleagues our support during this critical time in our nation's history. The gravity of last week's tragic events in Washington and New York will require enormous strength, resolution, and unity from the Congress and the citizens you represent.

The University of California community stands ready to assist you and to lend our resources, including technical experts and advisors, to help you in any way we can in the challenging days and months ahead. UC's distinguished faculty and specialists, our extensive research facilities, and our three national laboratories are rich sources of information and research on many of the issues you will be addressing--national security, economic and aviation issues, terrorism (including biological and chemical terrorism), nonproliferation, as well as the emotional impact of this disaster. Please do not hesitate to call upon us for information and assistance.

You may be interested to know that over the past week, the University of California has responded to the disaster both as a community and as an institution of higher education. Our response has taken many forms, including blood drives, candlelight vigils and memorial services, the activation of the UC San Diego Disaster Medical Assistance Team to advisory status, and the establishment at UC Berkeley of a free Web site to assist the public in acquiring information on the safety of loved ones. The University continues to review campus security measures to ensure a safe learning environment for our more than 160,000 students.

We are grateful for the support you have provided UC and higher education in the past, and we hope that you will, in turn, feel free to call upon us to help you and the other members of the California congressional delegation in addressing the events of September 11.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Atkinson  
President