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## CALIFORNIA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

Dear Members of Congress:

As you begin the first session of the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and to tell you about the University of California system, the federal government's relationship with the University, and the ways in which UC can be a resource for you and your staff.

With 10 campuses, five medical centers, and three national laboratories, UC is the largest public research university system in the world. The University, in partnership with the federal government, is an engine for economic growth and innovation for California and the nation that provides world-class education to the next-generation workforce, pursues groundbreaking research to address some of the biggest scientific and technological challenges of our time, and delivers cutting-edge medical education and health-care services.

The University of California educates more than 264,000 students, has a workforce – including faculty, staff, researchers, and health-care providers – of more than 205,000, and has nearly 1.9 million alumni living and working around the globe. UC's operations support more than 430,000 jobs in California and have an economic impact of \$46.3 billion, including contributing more than \$32 billion to the Gross State Product. UC is a major economic engine in California.

Last year, UC is estimated to have received more than \$8.5 billion in total federal support for the University's educational, research, and health-care enterprises. Attached you will find additional information to help put in context the valuable partnership UC has with the federal government. I would also like to call your attention to the following areas that are of specific importance to the University:

- **Education and Student Success:** Students entering as freshman take an average of 4.1 years to earn a bachelor's degree. Nearly 40 percent of UC undergraduates qualify for Pell Grants, and 57 percent of California undergrads have their tuition fully covered through financial aid.

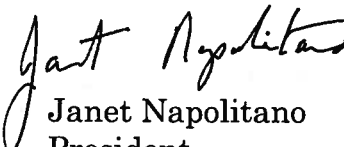
Furthermore, UC sets aside nearly 33 percent of all undergraduate tuition and fee revenues for need-based financial aid.

- **Research, Science and Technology:** In 2014-15, UC received more \$2.9 billion in federal funding for research. Federal funds are UC's single most important source of support for research, accounting for nearly 49 percent of all University research expenditures. With these funds, UC researchers are able to make progress on some of the most pressing issues, from cancer and Alzheimer's disease to agriculture and energy efficiency.
- **Health and Clinical Affairs:** Each year, UC's 12 hospitals see nearly 165,000 inpatient admissions and 4.5 million outpatient visits. More than one-third of UC medical center revenue comes from federal Medicare and Medi-Cal, which is jointly funded by the State and federal governments. UC Health has generated 117,000 jobs and \$16.7 billion in economic activity throughout California.

The University stands ready to assist you and your staff. We offer the University's expertise on the many issues you are working to address, and will assure that you can find reliable information about UC operations, our campuses and our students, faculty, and staff. If there is anything the University can do to support you, I hope you will get in touch with me or Associate Vice President Gary Falle in the UC Office of Federal Governmental Relations. Gary and his staff will be pleased to speak with you. They can be reached at (202) 974-6300.

Thank you for your continued support of the University of California. I look forward to working with you to address the many opportunities and challenges facing higher education, the research community, and California.

Yours very truly,



Janet Napolitano  
President

Attachment

cc: Senior Vice President Nelson Peacock  
Associate Vice President Gary Falle