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Members, California Congressional Delegation:

As Congress begins work on appropriations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016, the University of California urges your full support for federal programs that are critical to the University's ability to successfully carry out its education, research, health-care and public service missions. The attached document outlines the University's FY 2016 federal appropriations priorities.

Your support for UC's priorities will help to advance scientific and technological innovation, promote unparalleled educational opportunities for Californians, and support the University's commitment to training world-class health professionals and providing exceptional health care.

UC appreciates Congress' efforts to provide more stable funding for research and education programs in the FY 2015 appropriations. The impending resumption of sequestration, which will cut appropriations below the FY 2016 discretionary budget caps, however, threatens this stability and stands to have a negative impact on the nation, including the University of California.

The University recognizes that Congress faces difficult decisions in the FY 2016 budget process. As a former cabinet secretary and now President of the University of California, I have seen firsthand the arbitrary and damaging effects of relying on sequestration to cut the federal budget. For our country to continue to recover and thrive, sequestration must end and our government must make investments to strengthen the foundations of our economy, security, and quality of life. Among these are strong and steady investments that will allow institutions of higher education, like the University of California, to continue to educate the next generation of workers, provide quality health-care, and discover scientific and technological breakthroughs that help fuel our economy.

Thank you for your continued support of the University of California. The priorities outlined in the attached document are listed by appropriations subcommittee for your consideration. In addition, the document is available online at www.ucop.edu/federal-governmental-relations/federal-budget.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me or UC Associate Vice President for Federal Governmental Relations Gary Falle. He can be reached at (202) 974-6319 or by email at Gary.Falle@ucdc.edu.

Yours very truly,

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