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April 27, 2010

The Honorable Mark Yudof
President
University of California Office of the President
1111 Franklin St., 12th Floor
Oakland, CA 94607

Dear President Yudof,

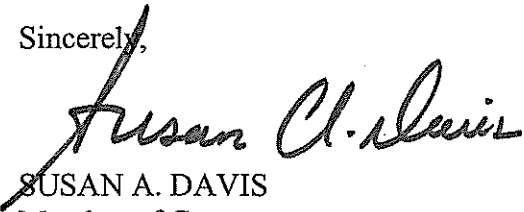
I understand that the University of California (UC) is in the midst of extensive negotiations with the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW) for a first contract that would cover postdoctoral scholars who choose UAW representation. I encourage the University of California to continue negotiations until a resolution is found.

A conclusion to negotiations and a fair contract will benefit postdoctoral scholars by providing job security and improved benefits. The long-anticipated agreement will also benefit the UC system by ensuring the work of its graduate student employees can proceed without the distraction of contract negotiations.

The University of California has a history of employing the country's top researchers as the most prolific source of postdoctoral research in the nation. As a member of Congress, I appreciate the groundbreaking research that takes place within the UC system and the benefits it brings the nation.

Thank you for working toward a resolution to these negotiations.

Sincerely,


SUSAN A. DAVIS
Member of Congress