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Mr. Mark Yudof, President  
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Dear President Yudof:

I'm writing on behalf of my many constituents who have contacted me and are anxious for the University of California to finish negotiations for a first contract covering the 6,000 Postdoctoral Scholars who chose UAW representation in November 2008. I understand UC and the UAW will meet again on April 15 and 16, and I hope an agreement can be reached by then.

As you know, Postdoctoral Scholars are the backbone of the University's research enterprise which is the envy of the world. These employees perform much of the front-line scientific inquiry that not only brings important improvements to all our lives, but also attracts significant funding in the form of contracts and grants to the University. These contract and grant revenues at UC, the bulk of which come from the federal government, have increased dramatically in recent years, due in large part to the important work of Postdoctoral Scholars.

I understand that UC and the UAW have met on more than 50 occasions since bargaining began in February of 2009, and that only a few issues remain that have not been resolved. I urge you to do whatever is necessary to ensure a timely conclusion to negotiations for a first contract. A fair contract will enhance UC's ability to attract the best and brightest researchers who play such a critical role in advancing our nation's economic growth and improving our collective health and well-being.

I look forward to hearing about a resolution to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Anna G. Eshoo  
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