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President Mark Yudof
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Dear President Yudof:

I am writing to urge the University of California to finish negotiations immediately for a first contract covering the 6,000 Postdoctoral Scholars who chose UAW representation in November 2008.

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 attracts significant funding in the form of contracts and grants to the University.

I understand that the University of California and the UAW have met on more than 50 occasions since bargaining started last February and that only a few issues remain to be resolved. I urge you to do whatever is necessary to ensure a speedy conclusion to negotiations for a fair contract that improves Postdoctoral Scholar compensation and benefits.

A fair contract will enhance the University of California'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.

Thank you for your time and assistance with this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lucille Roybal-Allard".

Lucille Roybal-Allard
Member of Congress