May 20, 2013

Dear Friend of the University:

Welcome to Washington, D.C., and thank you for your advocacy on behalf of the University of California. I am pleased that so many delegates from California and around the country, representing all 10 campuses, are with you in our nation’s capital as part of UC Day in DC 2013. The work you are doing is vitally important to our university, and I am sure that this year’s UC Day in DC will be a great success.

UC receives more than $8 billion in annual funding from the federal government. This federal investment helps ensure that UC remains accessible to all eligible students, regardless of income; it provides access to quality health care services and superior medical education through our academic medical centers; and it supports research to pursue the scientific and technological breakthroughs that keep our state and the nation at the forefront of innovation and economic development.

Graduate students are an integral part of UC. They carry out important research and make countless contributions to our community. By sharing your stories about the importance of graduate education and research and the impact it has on the University, California, and the nation, you are helping policymakers better understand the critical value of federal investments in these fields.

As our policymakers work on the many challenging issues facing our nation, it is more important than ever that UC advocates, like you, continue to make the case to the public and Congress that the University of California is a great and essential institution, built on people whose passions, ideas and vision have made it a state and national asset and the greatest public research university in the world.

Thank you for your work on behalf of our university, and best of luck with UC Day in DC 2013.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mark G. Yudof
President