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DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

April 23, 2025

The Honorable Michael Kratsios
Director
Office of Science and Technology Policy
The White House
1650 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20504

Dear Director Kratsios:

On behalf of the University of California (UC), I would like to congratulate you on your confirmation to lead the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). Your office plays a critical role in providing scientific and technological leadership across the federal government and we look forward to partnering with you in advancing the nation's science and innovation agenda.

The University of California is one of our nation's leading research institutions. With 10 campuses, six academic health centers, three affiliated Department of Energy national laboratories, and the Agriculture and Natural Resources division, we have robust interdisciplinary teams tackling the most significant challenges facing the U.S. and the world. Our more than 63,000 graduate students and nearly 6,700 postdoctoral scholars are addressing critical scientific and technological issues and making remarkable advancements that have a profound impact on society.

The University is committed to partnering with the federal government to address the most pressing issues of our time. Progress in essential and emerging fields such as artificial intelligence, quantum information science, and nuclear technology will be crucial for maintaining our relevance in an environment characterized by intense global competition. Researchers at the University of California provide world-class technical expertise to inform the policies of OSTP in these and other areas of national priority.

As President Donald Trump's March 26 letter to you stressed, the United States must revitalize its science and technology enterprise, and "we have the opportunity to cement America's global technological leadership and usher in a Golden Age of American Innovation. We are not just competing with other nations; we are seeking, striving, fighting to make America greater than ever before." The University of California stands ready to work with you and your office to help achieve this critical mission.

Once again, congratulations on your confirmation. We are ready to work with you to meet our nation's challenges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael V. Drake" followed by a stylized flourish.

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