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DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE AND  
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CALIFORNIA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

Dear Members of Congress:

On behalf of the University of California (UC)—representing more than 295,000 undergraduate and graduate students, 246,000 faculty and staff, and 2.6 million alumni—thank you for your ongoing support for the federal agencies and programs that are crucial to ensuring that the University remains an education, research and health care leader, as well as a driver of economic growth and innovation, to California and the nation.

As Congress finalizes appropriations bills for federal fiscal year (FY) 2025, we ask for your full support for the federal agencies, programs and initiatives included in the attached chart that enable the University to successfully carry out its mission. Additionally, as you consider the critical funding needed to address the natural disasters via an emergency supplemental appropriations, the University encourages Congress to utilize this legislation to include additional education, research and health care funding to alleviate the budget caps implemented in the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (FRA, Public Law 118-5).

Below, I would like to call to your attention to a few areas of specific importance. We recognize that these are challenging fiscal times, but continued support for these key areas will help us meet today’s challenges and tomorrow’s needs.

- Student Support:** The University of California remains committed to ensuring that all our students have access to a high-quality and affordable education. Investments in federal programs that bolster student access and success are critical to ensuring that the University is able to continue meeting this goal. The University is concerned about proposals that would either flat fund or cut federal financial aid funding while eliminating other student support programs altogether. We urge Congress to increase the maximum Pell Grant award and other federal financial aid programs like the Federal Work-Study and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant programs while improving access to basic needs and support through the Basic Needs Pilot and the Child Care Access Means Parents in Schools programs.
- Research and Innovation:** With the FY 2024 appropriations resulting in flat funding, or worse, cuts to federal science agencies, the University strongly urges Congress to make the investments necessary in research, STEM, technology transfer initiatives and critical research infrastructure in the FY 2025 appropriations. Without robust funding, other countries—including China—are poised to challenge the nation’s status as a world leader in innovation.

- **Health Care:** Last year University of California Health served patients from 91 percent of the zip codes in California—providing the most complex care to people across the state—particularly those insured by Medicare and Medicaid. We need Congress to strengthen the critical federal programs that support this work by repealing two years of Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital program cuts, extending Medicare telehealth waivers and eliminating the scheduled 4 percent PAYGO cut to Medicare. Additionally, we urge Congress to support robust funding for the Health Resources and Services Administration Title VII (physician training) and Title VIII (nursing training) programs that allow us to grow a diverse health care workforce, as well as for the National Institutes of Health, which supports the science on our campuses that leads to new cures and treatments for patients.

Thank you for your continued support of the University of California. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or UC Associate Vice President for Federal Governmental Relations Chris Harrington. He can be reached at (202) 997-3150 or by email at [Chris.Harrington@ucdc.edu](mailto:Chris.Harrington@ucdc.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael V. Drake MD". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" at the end.

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Enclosure

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Chris Harrington

PROGRAM / AGENCY	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 UC Request	FY 2025 President's Budget Request	Subcommittee		Full Committee		Initial Passage	
				House	Senate	House	Senate	House	Senate
<b>All numbers in millions of dollars, with the exception of Pell Grant maximum award, which is as presented.</b>									
<b>Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies</b>									
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)	445.2	500	475	443.2	445.2	443.2	445.2		
USDA Capacity Grants Programs:									
- Hatch Act	265	300	265	265	265	265	265		
- Smith-Lever 3(b)-3(c)	325	420	325	325	325	325	325		
- McIntire-Stennis	38	46	36	38	38	38	38		
Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)	70	90	90	70	70	70	70		
Education Grants Program for Hispanic-Serving Institutions	16	50	16	16	16	16	16		
<b>Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies</b>									
NASA Science Mission Directorate	7,334	9,000	7,566	7,334	7,575	7,334	7,575		
- NASA Earth Science program	2,195	3,000	2,400	2,000	2,370	2,000	2,370		
NASA Space Technology Programs	1,100	1,500	1,181	1,181	1,181	1,181	1,181		
NASA Space Grant College and Fellowship Program	58	65	57	60	58.5	60	58.5		
National Science Foundation (NSF)	9,060	11,900	10,183	9,258	9,550	9,258	9,550		
- Research and Related Activities	7,177	8,045	8,045	7,546	7,528	7,546	7,528		
- Education and Human Resources (STEM Education)	1,172	1,300	1,300	1,000	1,225	1,000	1,225		
- Major Research Equipment & Facilities Construction	234	300	300	235	300	235	300		
National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR)	656	840	577.229	645	663	645	663		
- Regional Climate Data and Information Program	47.9	63	55.26	22	48.932	22	48.932		
- Climate Laboratories and Cooperative Institutes	104.1	114	95.168	104	104	104	104		
- Sustained Ocean Observations and Monitoring	52.5	100	52.86	50	53	50	53		
- Integrated Ocean Acidification Program	17	20	17.13	17	17	17	17		
- National Sea Grant College Program	80	145.7	72.3	80	82	80	82		
NOAA Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, Aviation Operations and Aircraft Services, Operations, Research and Facilities	40.5	48.43	48.43	48	43.5	48	43.5		
NOAA Regional Integrated Ocean Observing System in the National Ocean Service	42.5	56	42.5	56	43.5	56	43.5		
<b>Defense</b>									
Department of Defense S&T	21,411	21,588	17,126	18,997	20,545	18,997	20,545	18,997	
Basic Research (6.1)	2,636	3,417	2,452	2,517	2,847	2,517	2,847	2,517	
Applied Research (6.2)	7,501	7,568	5,715	6,614	6,527	6,614	6,527	6,614	
Advanced Development Research (6.3)	11,314	10,502	8,959	9,864	11,171	9,864	11,171	9,864	
Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency	4,122	4,369	4,369	4,206	4,888	4,206	4,888	4,206	
National Defense Education Program	162.549	171	170	80	179.9	180	179.9	180	
<b>Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies</b>									
Office of Science	8,240	9,500	8,600	8,390	8,600	8,390	8,600		
The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)	3,460	3,700	3,118	1,960	3,440	1,960	3,440		
Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E)	460	570	450	450	459.15	450	459.15		
<b>Homeland Security</b>									
Research, Development and Innovation, Science and Technology (S&T) Directorate	741.634	940	836.1	744.6		744.6		744.6	
University Programs, S&T Directorate	51.037	61.5	53	53.5		53.5		53.5	
<b>Interior, Environment and Related Agencies</b>									
U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Earthquake Hazards Program	92.6	105	94.9	94.65	95.665	94.65	95.665		
USGS, State Water Resources Research Institutes, Water Resources Research Program	15.5	18	0	16.5	15.5	16.5	15.5		
Joint Fire Science Program	6	20	8.0	6	8	6	8		
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)	207	225	200	203.9	209	203.9	209		
National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)	207	225	210	203.9	209	203.9	209		
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), S&T	758.1	1,009	1,009	522.5	783.704	522.5	783.704		
<b>Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies</b>									
Pell Grant Maximum Award	7,395	14,800	8,145	7,395		7,395	7,495		
Pell Grant Discretionary Appropriations	22,475	Sums necessary to reach a maximum award of \$14,800	24,576	22,500		22,500	22,475		
Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant	910	1,150	910	455		455	910		
Federal Work-Study	1,230	1,603	1,230	615		615	1,230		
TRIO Programs	1,191	1,298	1,211	1,200		1,200	1,211		
GEAR UP	388	400	398	388		388	393		
Aid for Hispanic-Serving Institutions - Title V, Part A	228.8	350	246.5	232.9		232.9	232.3		

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Aid for Hispanic-Serving Institutions - Title V, Part B	27.4	150	29.8	27.4		27.4	27.9		
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants in Title II	2,190	2,200	2,190	0		0	2,190		
Child Care Access Means Parents in Schools	75	100	80	0		0	80		
Teacher Quality Partnerships	70	95	95	0		0	70		
Title VI International Education Programs	85.7	91	81.5	81.5		81.5	85.7		
Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN)	23.5	35	23.5	0		0	23.5		
Institute of Education Sciences	793.1	900	815.5	740.4		740.4	798.1		
National Institutes of Health (NIH) (program level)	47,081	51,303	50,117	48,081		48,081	48,724		
Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H)	1,500	1,500	1,500	500		500	1,500		
Title VII Health Professions Training	510	980	636	459.8		459.8	536.3		
Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development	305	530	320	0		0	310.5		
Children's Hospital GME	390	758	385	395		395	390		
Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program	2,571	3,082	2,581	2,381		2,381	2,600		
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (program level)	9,222	11,581	9,683	7,446		7,446	9,395		
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)	362.8	375.3	363	263.7	364	263.7	364		
NIOSH Education and Research Centers	32	33	32	33.5	32	33.5	32		
NIOSH Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Program	29	30	29	29	29.23	29	29.23		
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)	369	500	513	0		0	376		
<b>Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies</b>									
VA Medical and Prosthetic Research Program	943	980	868	924	878	924	878	924	
<b>Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies</b>									
Advanced Research Projects Agency for Infrastructure (ARPA-I)	10	20	15	0	11	0	11		