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Dear Senator Feinstein and Senator Padilla:

Thank you for your thoughtful leadership to meet this moment, from the initial emergence of COVID-19 to its declaration as a global pandemic, and its eventual spread to communities including millions of Californians and Americans. Your leadership has saved countless lives, and your investments and work to mitigate its impact will save many more.

Our ability as a nation to recover from the pandemic is dependent upon federal investments in research and innovation, which can ensure the long-term success of our research enterprise. On behalf of the University of California Graduate and Professional Council (UCGPC), we strongly support the research provisions contained in the House-passed reconciliation package and urge your support in protecting these funding levels as negotiations move ahead.

The UC system is home to some of the brightest minds working to conduct cutting-edge research addressing the most difficult scientific and technological issues facing our nation. Federal investments in research are critical for meeting these challenges and for training the next generation of scientists in making innovative discoveries. Therefore, UCGPC urges you to protect the robust research funding included in the reconciliation package.

Graduate and professional students contribute a great deal to advancing our national goals in science and technology through research discoveries within our universities and national laboratories. As a body that represents a large portion of the academic workforce across the UC system, UCGPC is particularly grateful for your support towards and investment in the future of science.

UCGPC applauds the investment included in the reconciliation package to support the next generation of scientists and to enable our research enterprise to remain a national and global leader. As this legislation advances, please do not hesitate to contact us for any assistance in protecting this research funding.

Sincerely,

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