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*Via Electronic Mail*

Dear UC Merced Chancellor Juan Sánchez Muñoz,

This week, the California Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) verified that a majority of UC Student Researchers – Graduate Student Researchers, Graduate Student Research Assistants, Trainees, and Fellows – across all 10 UC campuses and LBL have signed authorization cards to form a union, Student Researchers United/UAW.

We, the undersigned, are Student Researchers representing departments across UC Merced with SRs. We have formed a union with our colleagues across the state in order to negotiate as equals with UC over improvements to our working conditions.

Given that PERB has verified majority support of Student Researchers, we expect the UC administration will promptly recognize our union and bargain a first contract. We see the prospect of swiftly negotiating a first collective bargaining agreement as an important opportunity to make UC an even better research University. We look forward to channeling the tremendous creativity and energy of thousands of our colleagues toward that end by sitting down together at the negotiation table without delay.

If you have questions, or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at: [sruuaw@sruuaw.org](mailto:sruuaw@sruuaw.org).

Sincerely,

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