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TIM DONNELLY



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Chancellor Gene D. Block
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Dear Chancellor Block:

I am writing you as a former Vice Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and as a current candidate for Governor of California. Since early 2011 I have written you and others at UC and UCLA regarding the inappropriate termination of Dr. James E. Enstrom from the UCLA School of Public Health research faculty. I am familiar with both his August 2010 whistleblower retaliation complaint against UCLA and his June 2012 Federal lawsuit against the UC Regents. I understand that a U.S. District Court jury trial to resolve his lawsuit has been scheduled for November 2014.

Dr. Enstrom has made a very strong case that he was terminated was because he is a conservative scientist who published "politically incorrect" research findings on environmental health science in California. His findings, which invalidate draconian CARB diesel vehicle regulations, have not been appreciated or tolerated by his liberal colleagues at UCLA. In late February 2014 Dr. Enstrom emailed the attached complaint about lack of academic and political diversity at UC and UCLA to Vice Provost Christine A. Littleton of the UCLA Office for Faculty Diversity. I understand he has not received any substantive response to his complaint.

Thus, I request that you send me your own assessment of Dr. Enstrom's evidence of lack of academic and political diversity at UC and UCLA. Also, I request that you speak with me about this evidence.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Godspeed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Donnelly", written over a large, stylized, and somewhat illegible scribble.

Assemblyman Tim Donnelly
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