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Dear Professor Wessler,

I helped Dr. Peter Wood prepare his December 9, 2015 National Association of Scholars email letter to California members of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) "Concerns about the National Academy of Sciences and Scientific Dissent" (https://www.nas.org/articles/nas_letter), which you have received. I am writing to you about this email letter because you are both the Home Secretary of the National Academy of Sciences and a UC Riverside Distinguished Professor (<http://newsroom.ucr.edu/2547>).

First, in your role as NAS Home Secretary, I request that you send the email letter to all NAS members, since it deals with serious concerns about suppression of scientific dissent and Dr. Marcia K. McNutt as the next NAS President. Please let me know if you cannot send this email letter to NAS members.

Second, in your role as UC Riverside Distinguished Professor, I request that you become at least somewhat familiar with the three scientific controversies described in the email letter because all three have direct relevance to current environmental regulations in California. These regulations originate from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), California Air Resources Board (CARB), and South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). Based on the detailed evidence described in the email letter, I can make a strong case that these regulations are scientifically unjustified and are hurting California businesses and the California economy.

Additional evidence against these regulations is contained in my July 13, 2015 letter to the Moreno Valley City Council about the World Logistics Center (WLC) Final Environmental Impact Report (<http://www.scientificintegrityinstitute.org/WLCFEIR071315.pdf>). The WLC is located about ten miles from UC Riverside and could create new 20,000 blue collar jobs in the greater Riverside area. However, the WLC is being opposed by CARB and SCAQMD for scientifically unjustified reasons.

Finally, please read my unanswered August 31, 2015 letter to UC Riverside Professor and UC Academic Senate Chair J. Daniel Hare regarding the illegal appointments of several UC Professors on the Scientific Review Panel on Toxic Air Contaminants (SRP) (<http://www.scientificintegrityinstitute.org/UCASSRP083115.pdf>). The SRP has played an important role in scientifically unjustified regulations by CARB and SCAQMD.

Thank you very much for your consideration regarding this important request.

Sincerely yours,

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