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Mrs. Sharon Noonan Kramer
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Dear Ms. Kramer:

This is in response to your letter of April 22, 2010, to University of California President Yudof and Regents Schwarzenegger and Gould. They have asked me to respond on their behalf, and I am pleased to do so. We appreciate your bringing your concerns to our attention.

With respect to Dr. Saxon's listing as a co-author on the paper you cite, if Dr. Saxon wishes to have his name withdrawn as a co-author he is, of course, free to make that request. If he wishes any assistance from the University in that regard, he can contact my office.

As for University professors giving expert testimony, as well as choosing what to teach and publish, these are decisions for which faculty have great discretion, consistent with principles of academic freedom. The University fully supports the faculty's authority in these areas, as do other Universities around the world.

I hope that this helps clarify matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Pitts".

Lawrence H. Pitts
Provost and Executive Vice President
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Cc: Regent Gould
President Yudof
Secretary and Chief of Staff Griffiths