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September 2, 2022

Michael Drake, President  
University of California  
Office of the President  
1111 Franklin Street  
Oakland, CA 94607

RE: Improving Support for UAW-represented International Academic Workers at UC

Dear President Drake,

I write to urge you to reach an agreement with 48,000 UC Academic Workers represented by UAW to support international workers and provide funding to pay for mandatory visa fees that these workers must obtain to work in the U.S.

The University of California is the nation's premier research university, securing more funding and producing more patents than any other University in the nation. This success is in no small part because of UC's ability to attract the most talented scholars from around the world.

Assisting international workers by subsidizing the fees required by institutions such as the Department of State and USCIS will demonstrate the University of California's commitment to the international workers it aims to recruit. Covering these fees is a common sense step the University can easily take to address recruitment and retention as well as make the transition to the U.S. more welcoming.

I urge you to meet the needs of international workers by reaching agreement with UAW on their proposal to make life more affordable for international students and scholars at UC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Cortese".

Dave Cortese  
California State Senate, 15<sup>th</sup> District