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San Diego County Board of Supervisors
County Administration Center
1600 Pacific Highway, Rm 335
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RE: Support for Agenda Item 27: Standing Up for San Diego's Research and Innovation Economy by Supporting SB 895

Dear Chair Lawson-Remer and Honorable Members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the faculty, students, staff, researchers, clinicians and patients of UC San Diego and UC San Diego Health, we write in strong support of Agenda Item 27, "Standing Up for San Diego's Research and Innovation Economy by Supporting SB 895," before the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.

San Diego has earned international recognition as a leading hub for biomedical research, healthcare innovation and life sciences advancement. This regional ecosystem has been built through decades of investment in research institutions, scientific talent, healthcare systems and public-private collaboration. Federal research funding has played a foundational role in sustaining this progress and ensuring continued breakthroughs in patient care, medical discovery and economic growth.

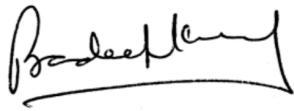
Federal investments support critical work in areas such as Alzheimer's disease, cancer, cardiovascular medicine, behavioral health, infectious disease, liver disease and gene-therapy treatments for hearing loss. Federal funding also supports the administration of life-saving clinical trials and sustains scientific innovation, workforce development and thousands of jobs across the San Diego region. In Fiscal Year 2025 alone, UC San Diego received approximately \$877 million in federal research awards and ranks seventh nationally in federal research funding. UC San Diego is proud to serve as one of the nation's leading academic research institutions and academic health systems.

We have seen firsthand how sudden impacts and uncertainty in federal research funding can have far-reaching consequences for our campus and region, including reductions in student internship opportunities, laboratory resources, research positions and innovation pipelines. These ripple effects are felt across universities, research institutions, startups, healthcare providers and the broader San Diego economy.

For these reasons, UC San Diego, including UC San Diego Health, strongly support SB 895, the California Science and Health Research Bond Act. The measure represents an important opportunity to help protect California's leadership in scientific research and healthcare innovation through sustained investment in research infrastructure, discovery and collaboration. Continued support for biomedical and scientific research is essential to maintaining San Diego's position as a global center for innovation while advancing treatments and cures that improve lives locally and around the world.

We appreciate the Board's leadership in bringing forward this item to grow awareness and support and for the Board's continued advocacy on behalf of San Diego's research, healthcare and innovation economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pradeep K. Khosla", with a horizontal line underneath.

Pradeep K. Khosla
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Joan and Irwin Jacobs Chancellor's Endowed Chair