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University of California Board of Regents
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Dear University of California Board of Regents,

I write to commend the University of California, Irvine (UCI) for its service to our community through its investment in the health and economic prosperity of Orange County. I proudly support the creation of the new UCI Medical Center Irvine-Newport, a healthcare system which will be unparalleled in this region. This project marks a notable long-term commitment to the region and will improve access to quality health care. The UCI Medical Center Irvine-Newport will also provide new economic opportunities to our local businesses and vendors in ways that will benefit the county today and in the decades to come.

I also am pleased by the measures that UCI has taken to integrate this center into the ecological environment while preserving the natural beauty of the San Joaquin Marsh. As a member of the House Committee on Natural Resources, I applaud UCI's commitment to creating this project in a sustainable and environmentally friendly manner. Plans indicate that this facility will exceed UC Sustainable Practices Policy goals and meet or exceed LEED Silver equivalency and the California Green Building Standards Code. These details reflect the standard of excellence that makes UCI a premier institution.

As the population in Orange County is expected to increase at a double-digit pace over the next four decades, this new medical center will be a critical asset for our community's health and wellness. I look forward to continuing to work with UCI as we head towards a future of growth and prosperity for the region.

Very truly yours,



KATIE PORTER

Member of Congress