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Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost Paul R. Gray
Professor Catherine Koshland, Vice Provost-Designate

Re: Final report of the USA PATRIOT Act Steering Committee

Thank you for submitting the report of the USA PATRIOT Act Steering Committee and the detailed reports of its Working Groups on Records and Research Compliance. These reports represent a substantial amount of work, and I appreciate the consideration and care that the committees invested in tackling the issues and challenges arising from this new legal climate. The campus now has a good foundation of information and analysis on the initial impact of the PATRIOT Act, and a set of practical recommendations. The recommendations provide excellent guidance for further steps the campus can take to ensure compliance with the PATRIOT Act while protecting the rights of faculty, staff, and students.

I endorse the recommendations contained in the reports and have asked Assistant Chancellor John Cummins to take the lead in following up on those pertaining to records management, campus communications about the PATRIOT Act, and protocols for handling subpoenas. He will work with Registrar Susanna Castillo-Robson and other campus units as appropriate to ensure that the campus's response to the PATRIOT Act is appropriate and coordinated.

I have asked Vice Chancellor for Research Beth Burnside and Associate Vice Chancellor Robert Price to continue to monitor any impact of the PATRIOT Act on the research environment, and to take the lead in implementing recommendations pertaining to research.

I am committed to ensuring that meeting the campus's legal obligations under the PATRIOT Act does not interfere with the academic freedom that is a hallmark of Berkeley's excellence. I will continue to speak out on matters of academic freedom, and represent the campus's concerns about the impacts of the PATRIOT Act to the University Office of the President.

In your cover memo of August 1, you noted that the Steering Committee plans to conduct an assessment of the campus climate related to the PATRIOT Act. As we have discussed,

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I am instead, asking the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost to appoint a small task force to assess the impact of the PATRIOT Act and related legislation on bringing international students and scholars to Berkeley. Recent reports from the deans and chairs of the College of Letters and Science indicate that this specific area poses challenges that require immediate attention.

Sincerely,

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Chancellor

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