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Cc: Castro, Veronica R - (vcastro) <vcastro@arizona.edu>

Subject: RE: Letter from the Regents and Distinguished Professors

Dear colleagues,

Thank you for your letter, and for your continued contributions to the university.

We are actively engaged on these important issues through close collaboration with the AAU, APLU, and peer institutions, and in ongoing dialogue with our congressional delegation and state legislators. Our efforts are focused on protecting our academic freedom and research strength, and of course the success and access for our students, all of which are foundational to our land-grant mission. We also have a responsibility to comply with the laws and guidance that apply to our public university.

With more than \$470 million in federal research grants, more than \$380 million in state funding, and over \$70 million in federal Pell Grants supporting 22% of our student body, we are deeply committed to sustaining the work and supporting the success of our students, faculty, and staff, while preserving the long-term financial stability of the university.

Our efforts include advocacy and collaboration in support of the legal process and continued engagement with key stakeholders. Throughout this process, we've worked methodically and provided updates to the community as feasible.

As you know, we have also taken proactive steps to support the continuity of our research enterprise. Our Bridge Funding Program was recently noted in several national reports. The Big Idea Challenge is another effort that incentivizes transdisciplinary, convergent research teams to incubate ideas, generate new insights, and launch transformative, high-impact projects with the potential for future extramural support. We are focused on moving forward, capitalizing on our strengths and working to continue to have a positive impact locally and nationally.

We value your engagement, and your voices are essential as we chart a path forward. Your input on the [draft Strategic Imperatives we recently shared](#) will help us navigate ongoing changes while staying true to our mission, upholding our values, and supporting our campus community. I invite you to share your feedback in the next couple of days as we finalize this important roadmap for Arizona's future.

Warm regards, Suresh

From: Nadel, Lynn - (nadel) <nadel@arizona.edu>

Sent: Friday, April 18, 2025 5:23 PM

To: President Garimella <President23@arizona.edu>

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Subject: Letter from the Regents and Distinguished Professors

Dear President Garimella,

A group of Regents and Distinguished Professors group has prepared the attached statement of their concerns about recent federal government actions. The letter, openly signed by 60 members of the RDP group, is attached, and expresses our willingness to work with you to mitigate at least some of the damage. In addition, 5 more RDP members chose to sign anonymously, out of fear for themselves, their families, or their students. That there should be such fear in America attests to the extraordinary nature of the current crisis.