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CC: Jagdeep Bachner, Chief Investment Officer; Nathan Brostrom, Chief Financial Officer; Anne Shaw, Secretary to UC Regents; Jerlena Griffin-Desta and Eric Heng, Student Development & Engagement

Dear President Napolitano:

As members of the UC Student Association Board, the representative body for the more than 200,000 undergraduates within the University of California, we write in solidarity with our undocumented communities and UC students. The University of California has pledged its support for undocumented students through their lawsuit against the current administration to protect Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). However, these advocacy efforts are contrary to their current contract with General Dynamics Information Technology (GDIT). Today, we call on the University of California to respond to the inhumane conditions that continue to occur at the U.S.border by ending their contract with this corporate entity.

We join the UC-AFT Executive Board in urging the UC to immediately cancel their contract with defense contractor GDIT due to its participation in the detention of immigrant children in its facilities along the Mexican Border. The UC currently contracts out the management and administration of the Analytical Writing Placement Examination (AWPE) to GDIT. The AWPE is an examination administered to first year UC students across the state. GDIT is also a contractor for the U.S Office of Refugee Resettlement and employs staff who support and facilitate the forced separation of children and parents seeking asylum at our borders. To work with a company actively taking part in the state sanctioned violence of separating families seeking asylum, and profiting from it, is to be complicit in the inhumanity of their actions.

Undocumented students and their families are valuable members of our university and surrounding community. With this in mind, we demand the UC act in accordance of it's values and divest from companies seeking to profit from the separation of immigrant families.

Sincerely,

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