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To: Robert A. Easter, Ph.D. President,
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Cc: Christopher G. Kennedy,
Chairman Board of Trustees, University of Illinois

Letter of Confidence and Support for Chancellor Wise from Faculty in the Department of Animal Sciences.

Three years ago we welcomed Chancellor Phyllis Wise to lead our campus forward and to continue our long-standing tradition of excellence in education, research and public service. From the start of her tenure, we recognized in her the resolve and determination we expect from our Chancellor. We value her as a faculty member of the Department of Animal Sciences.

We are writing to voice our unequivocal support for Chancellor Wise and to express our continued confidence in her leadership of this campus. Chancellor Wise has demonstrated in numerous occasions her commitment and support for an inclusive campus. In true measure of leadership, Chancellor Wise made a tough decision. As expected, faculty are not always going to agree with every decision, but this is no reason to deprive our campus of a talented, thoughtful and decisive leader. It is time that the silent majorities who support the Chancellor stand up and be heard.

We support Chancellor Wise because of her sense of duty, her fairness, her measured judgment and her principles of collegiality, inquiry and inclusiveness. She has dedicated herself to the challenges of leadership of a land grant, public university of reputation and impact that reach beyond the boundaries of our state, to the nation and to the world.

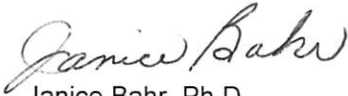
We support her for the way she has embraced and supports our aspirations to thrive as a community dedicated to diversity, freedom and respect.

We support her for her inclusive and collaborative way of bringing faculty, staff and students together in the conversations that informed a bold strategic plan for our Campus, rich in new initiatives and new opportunities to advance our excellence and amplify our relevance and impact to the world.

We stand behind Chancellor Wise. She believes in the ability of our Campus to aim high and reach higher. We trust her judgment and recognize that she often must make difficult decisions. In those extraordinary events, she always strives to help the campus community

understand the context and reasoning behind decisions, and she always takes responsibility for her decisions.

Sincerely,



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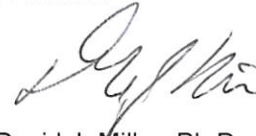
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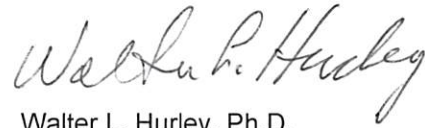
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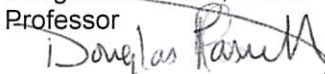
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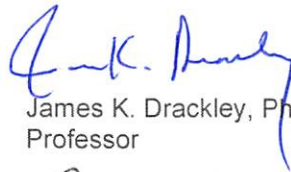
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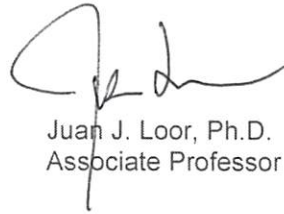


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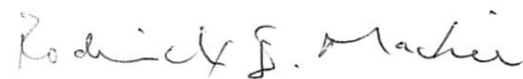
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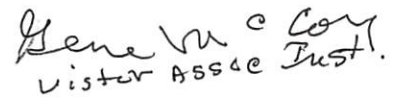

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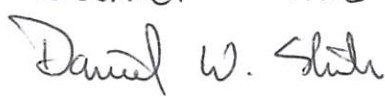
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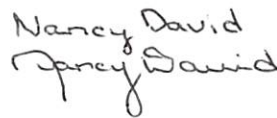

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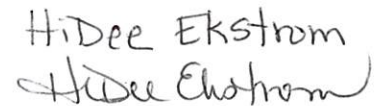
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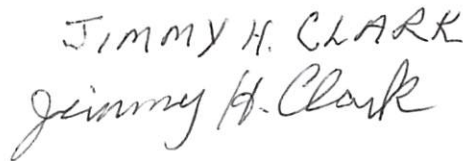
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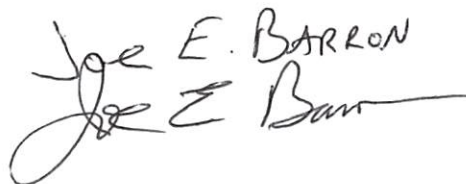
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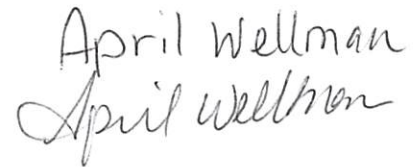
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