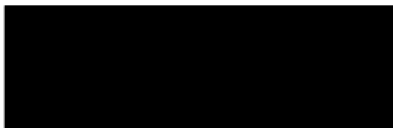




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Dear [REDACTED]:

As Chancellor of UC Davis, there is nothing more important to me than making sure that I do everything in my power to keep everyone on our campus safe. On November 18, 2011, we failed to fulfill that obligation when it came to those who were pepper sprayed by UC Davis police during a campus protest.

As I said at the time, the use of pepper spray was appalling and highly regrettable. It betrayed our values as a university and never should have happened. It also led to some being taken into custody that day.

I offer my apology to you for that incident and for any injuries or damages you suffered because of it. To see any person treated in this way was never anything I remotely imagined or desired and I will always regret that you were subjected to such action.

The incident of November 18, from the earliest hours of the protest to the many days and weeks that followed, pointed to many failures in our decision-making practices and actions. Our ability to learn from this and use the lessons from it to make UC Davis the type of university we aspire it to be requires introspection, an open dialogue, and the desire to act as a community for our collective betterment.

In the weeks and months since November 18, everyone in my administration has been working very hard with students and other members of the UC Davis community to reform how we deal with campus protests and to make this a better and more tolerant university so nothing like this happens ever again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katehi".

Linda P.B. Katehi
Chancellor

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