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Gary Ruskin  
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Dear Mr. Ruskin,

I am writing in response to your letter dated March 9, 2016, addressed to Chancellor Katehi regarding funding for Jon Entine, the Genetic Literacy Project, the UC Davis Institute for Food and Agricultural Literacy, and the UC Davis World Food Center.

UC Davis launched the World Food Center in 2013 to increase the impact of our research and scientific expertise on the societal challenges and opportunities in the global food system. We must partner with individuals and organizations outside of the university to achieve our public mission. In so doing, we are mindful of the quality of our partners and appreciate your concern

The World Food Center has been funded primarily through a loan from the campus short-term investment pool. It is with these UC Davis funds that the World Food Center provided two years of seed funding to launch the Institute for Food and Agriculture Literacy (IFAL), led by a UC Davis faculty. The World Food Center has not accepted any industry funding to support IFAL, Mr. Entine, or the Genetic Literacy Project. IFAL engaged Mr. Entine in a non-compensated role as a Senior Fellow, and also provided one year of support (\$21,000) and use of one office for the Genetic Expert News Service (GENeS). Both Mr. Entine and the GENeS collaborations with IFAL were related to training and engagement of our faculty and students in providing science-based information to the public.

The World Food Center has received funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation related to a specific contract of work and has received funding from several companies for specific activities, such as sponsorships of conferences, which are publicly acknowledged on our website for those events. No funding from corporations or foundations has been provided to IFAL, Mr. Entine, or GENeS through the World Food Center.

Please be assured that UC Davis funding, staff, and other resources are not being used for improper purposes. I trust this adequately answers your questions. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josette L." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Josette Lewis  
Associate Director, World Food Center