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Chancellor Marshall M. Criser, III
Board of Governors
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Dear Chancellor Criser:

Dr. England suggested I submit for BOG review an update to the "UF-Top 5 National Ranking Operating Support" plan, since the plan was not fully funded in the last legislative cycle.

UF requested \$50M, but only received \$15M under the BOG's Pillars of Excellence program. However, through other legislative appropriations, UF received an addition \$25M, resulting in an allocation of new money totaling \$40M (before the 6% holdback). We believe that we can still largely achieve the goals outlined in the plan with these funds. It may mean that we grow the faculty and staff a little more slowly than we had hoped and that we moderate our facilities renovation, moonshot, and compensation programs, but we still see our way clear to achieving the return on investment indicated in the LBR.

There is a caveat, however. Implicit in the paragraph above is the assumption that the 6% holdback is restored to the university budget the following year. If the 6% holdback were to remain in effect for several years, then UF will have a substantial recurring budget deficit that will impede progress in achieving the indicated Return on Investment.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Glover". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joseph Glover
Provost

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