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Re: Allegation of Research Misconduct by UCLA Professor Michael Jerrett

Dear Chair and Professor Cochran:

I am writing you because you are the current UCLA Academic Senate Chair and because you are a UCLA Professor of Epidemiology and Statistics. I am writing regarding a very important issue involving the integrity of epidemiology and statistics research at UCLA and UC. I request that you fully assess my November 11, 2016 “Allegation of Research Misconduct by Dr. Michael Jerrett and Co-Authors” (<http://scientificintegrityinstitute.org/ORIJerrett111116.pdf>). This 23-page PDF includes a one-page summary of my allegation of research misconduct (falsification), one table that summarizes the falsification by showing the included and omitted data, and 21 pages of basic documents that support my allegation. Extensive additional details are contained in the URLs cited in the allegation. The allegation is further supported by recent evidence presented in my [March 23, 2017 ICC-12 lecture](#), my [March 28, 2017 Dose-Response article](#), and my [May 12, 2017 US EPA comments](#) regarding the Regulatory Reform Agenda as per Presidential Executive Order 13777.

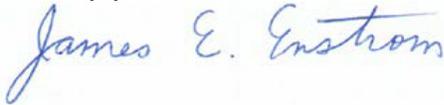
Specifically, I want to know if the totality of my evidence satisfies the definition of “falsification” as stated in UCLA Policy 993 and in Public Health Service Policies on Research Misconduct: “omitting or changing data such that the Research is not accurately represented in the Research Record.” This request has special significance because it challenges the validity of fine particulate matter research used to justify regulations that have had multi-billion dollar economic impacts in California and the United States since 1997, as explained above.

Until I receive a response to the contrary, I will assume that you disagree with my allegation and that you support the validity of the research by Dr. Jerrett and Co-Authors relating fine particulate matter to total mortality. To know for sure, it is essential that you send me your professional assessment of my allegation of misconduct regarding this epidemiology and statistics research.

I have copied several former UCLA Academic Senate Chairs who have familiarity with me, academic freedom, and/or research integrity at UCLA and UC.

Thank you very much for your prompt consideration and response.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James E. Enstrom". The signature is written in a cursive style with a light blue background behind the text.

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As you know, the first version of this same allegation was submitted to UCLA Chancellor Gene D. Block on August 15, 2014 and I have made several requests in 2015 and 2016 to get the allegation properly evaluated by the UCLA Research Integrity Officer in accord with UCLA Policy 993. After reviewing the documents submitted since August 15, 2014, but not the specific documents in the attached PDF, you concluded on October 17, 2016 that “Dr. Enstrom’s charges against Professor Michael Jerrett *do not* constitute allegations of research misconduct.”

[I request that you reconsider your conclusion after making a careful comparison of Dr. Jerrett’s September 1, 2013 *AJRCCM* paper with his October 28, 2011 CARB Final Report and after reading the detailed 2011 and 2013 criticism of his research. My one-page summary and one-page table of results make a strong case that Dr. Jerrett has falsified the relationship between fine particulate matter and total mortality in California in his 2013 *AJRCCM* paper by deliberately omitting: 1) the null findings in his 2011 Report, 2) other null findings that he published during 2000-2011, and 3) the null findings that other authors published during 2000-2011.]

Dr. Jerrett’s published claim of a positive relationship between fine particulate matter and total mortality in California is being used as a primary public health justification for the \$38.2 billion SCAQMD 2016 Air Quality Management Plan.

My August 15, 2016 public comments to the SCAQMD Health Effects Officer & ucla sph Grad Ghosh explained that it is inappropriate for SCAQMD to use this claim of a positive relationship when there is overwhelming evidence that no relationship exists in California (<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/clean-air-plans/air-quality-mgt-plan/Draft2016AQMP/2016-aqmp-appendix-i-comment-letter>) (letter #7).

[In order to get an independent formal assessment of my allegation, I have submitted it to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Research Integrity. In addition, I am seeking assessments from several scientists, including UCLA professors and air pollution experts in Washington, D.C.]

[has epidemiologic training ( ) and be my UCLA mentor Lester Breslow, M.D., M.P.H., held her in high regard.. I have had a long career at the UCLA School of Public Health, but we have never met. I am the only scientific colleague of Dr. Breslow to be mentioned in his April xx, 2012 NYT obituary ( ).]

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