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Sincerely,
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Date: Mon, 28 Apr 2008 13:38:43 -0400
From: "Brian White" <bwhite@aaas.org>
To: <jenstrom@ucla.edu>
Subject: Decision on your Letter to Science (Web ID 110200)

Dear Dr. Enstrom,
Thank you for your letter to Science commenting on the News of the Week article, titled "Philip Morris Pulls the Plug on Controversial Research Program." I regret to say that we are not able to publish it. We receive many more letters than we can accommodate and so we must reject most of those contributed. Our decision is not necessarily a reflection of the quality of your letter but rather of our stringent space limitations.

We appreciate your interest in Science.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Sills
Associate Letters Editor

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Date: Wed, 30 Apr 2008 09:03 AM
From: "James E. Enstrom" <jenstrom@ucla.edu>
To: "Brian White" <bwhite@aaas.org>
Subject: Appeal of Rejection of Letter to Science (Web ID 110200)
X-Attachments: C:\UC Acad Senate Tobacco\UCAmericanLegacyFoundationPolicy070103.pdf;
C:\UC Acad Senate Tobacco\UCAmericanLegacyFoundationPolicyHistory2002-2007.pdf;

Dear Editor Sills,

I am writing to appeal your April 28 decision rejecting my March 11 letter to Science (Web ID 110200) regarding the February 29 News of the Week article by David Grimm. As you know, my letter makes important points about the research funding policies at the University of California as a whole and at the University of California, San Francisco specifically. Since Science Editor-in-Chief Bruce Alberts is from UCSF and understands the importance of UC research policy, I request that you have him personally review my letter. In order to expand upon references 2-4 in my letter, I have attached two documents that provide specific details about the UC ban on American Legacy Foundation funding. I am willing to accept any reasonable changes or improvements in my letter that you might propose, as long as they do not change the meaning of the points that I have made. If Editor Alberts rejects my letter, then I request that he provide a specific explanation for the rejection.

Thank you very much for your timely assistance regarding this important matter, which involves very fundamental issues of academic freedom and ethical conduct at the University of California.

Best regards,

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