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Dear Current Chair Gill and Other Chairs:

As leaders of the UC faculty, I am writing to request your assistance in stopping the unethical and/or illegal service of several UC faculty members on the CARB Scientific Review Panel on Toxic Air Contaminants (SRP). I notified CARB about this problem in 2008, but it is still not fixed (http://www.arb.ca.gov/lists/erplan08/2-carb_enstrom_comments_on_gmerp_042208.pdf). The SRP is important because it has aggressively and unjustifiably classified hundreds of substances as “toxic air contaminants” in California. These classifications have resulted in costly CARB and Cal EPA regulations that have adversely impacted the California economy.

The problem was partially fixed by the successful June 18, 2009 Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF) lawsuit (Norman R. Brown et al. v. Linda Adams Cal EPA et al.), which resulted in four new SRP members who were properly nominated and appointed by the process specified in the California Health and Safety Code (<http://www.scientificintegrityinstitute.org/PLF061809.pdf>). However, because of direct political intervention the illegal service of UCLA Professor John R. Froines as SRP Chairman continued beyond 2010, as explained in the February 20, 2011 Bakersfield Californian (<http://www.scientificintegrityinstitute.org/Henry022011.pdf>). The 29-year SRP service of Dr. Froines finally ended on August 1, 2013, in conjunction with a major controversy involving his assessment of the toxicity of methyl iodide as explained in the July 10, 2013 Bakersfield Californian (<http://www.scientificintegrityinstitute.org/BCFroines071013.pdf>).

Then, Dr. Froines was inappropriately replaced as SRP Chairman by his protégé, retired UC Irvine Adjunct Professor Michael T. Kleinman, who has not held an official UC faculty position since 2011. Both Drs. Froines and Kleinman are environmental activists who have not properly disclosed their conflicts of interest as SRP members, as required by law. Mr. Brown (Brown v. Adams) brought these matters to the attention of Dr. Kleinman and other SRP members in detailed October 22, 2014, November 5, 2014, and December 15, 2014 letters (<http://www.scientificintegrityinstitute.org/DeltaSRPAU121514.pdf>).

These letters were ignored and Dr. Kleinman was improperly reappointed as SRP Member and Chairman as of January 1, 2015. The improper appointment of SRP members who are environmental activists with clear conflicts of interest damages the scientific integrity and ethical standards of UC, in addition to harming thousands of California businessmen like Mr. Brown. The unethical and illegal actions of the SRP reinforce the findings of the April 2, 2012 National Association of Scholars (NAS) Report “A Crisis of Competence: The Corrupting Effect of Political Activism in the University of California” (http://www.nas.org/images/documents/A_Crisis_of_Competence.pdf).

You can help by supporting the proper appointment of qualified and objective SRP members who do not have conflicts of interest. The next three SRP appointments will be made on January 1, 2016 and at least three current SRP members (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/srp/public.htm>) should be replaced in 2016. You can make your concern about proper SRP appointments known to the SRP members themselves and to the UC President, who makes SRP nominations.

The SRP Oncologist is Alan R. Buckpitt, Ph.D., UC Davis Professor Emeritus [NOT Professor] of Molecular Biosciences (<http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/faculty/results.cfm?fid=13029>). He has NO training or experience as an oncologist and is NOT qualified to serve as the SRP Oncologist. The SRP Pathologist is Jesus A. Araujo, M.D., Ph.D., UCLA Associate Professor of Environmental Cardiology, who has a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology from UCLA and an M.D. from Central University of Venezuela (<http://med.ucla.edu/cardiology/faculty/araujo.htm>). He has NO training or experience as a pathologist and is NOT qualified to serve as the SRP Pathologist. The current SRP appointments of Drs. Buckpitt and Araujo expire on January 1, 2016 and they should be replaced in 2016 by a properly qualified Oncologist and a properly qualified Pathologist.

SRP Chairman Michael T. Kleinman is currently a retired UC Irvine Adjunct Professor and a Recalled Non-Faculty Academic. He is NOT an Adjunct Professor, as claimed by CARB and SRP. His SRP appointment was renewed as of January 1, 2015, in spite of detailed evidence submitted in 2014 by Mr. Brown that he has deliberately misrepresented his retirement status at UC Irvine since 2011. Also, Dr. Kleinman has numerous conflicts of interest that must be disclosed and that disqualify him from SRP service. Kleinman should be replaced immediately or at least by January 1, 2016.

Thank you very much for your consideration and assistance regarding this important matter.

Sincerely yours,

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