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Dear Dr. Quint:

Later this week, you and your colleagues on the Independent Citizens Oversight Commission will decide the question of who should succeed your founding Chairperson, Robert Klein. While both nominated candidates have exceptional qualifications and could make significant contributions to the success of California's extraordinary public commitment to stem cell research, I am convinced that only one of these candidates, Dr. Jonathan Thomas, has the complete "toolkit" of education, knowledge, and experience which not only meets but exceeds, with distinction, the qualifications for this position set out in the voter-enacted statute which established the Institute and your Committee.

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Finally, while your Commission may have the legal authority to delegate some of these responsibilities to the President or the Institute's staff, I ask you to consider whether would be wise or prudent, whether it would in your Commission's interest or in the public interest to do so.

As you know, with the exception of the nominations of the Chair and Vice Chair, I have not previously contacted you or any individual members of the Commission, and it is certainly not my intention to make a habit of it, but I feel so strongly about this decision and its future ramifications for CIRM and its mission that I would be remiss if I did not let you know that I strongly support the candidacy of Dr. Jonathan Thomas, that I believe he is the only nominee who is both fully qualified to be the Chair and who possesses both the experience and personal skills to do an outstanding job, and that I respectfully urge that you cast your vote for Dr. Thomas for Chairperson in this week's election.

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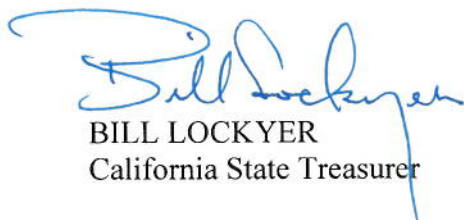
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