



*Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515*

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Fourteenth District
California*

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Dear Chancellor Greenwood and the entire team at UC-Santa Cruz,

Congratulations to the University of California and UC-Santa Cruz on being awarded NASA's extremely competitive \$330 million, ten year contract for the University Affiliated Research Center. This award speaks volumes about the status of UC-Santa Cruz as a center for distinguished scientific study and as a gathering place for the greatest minds of our country.

This is also a great victory for NASA, for Silicon Valley and for the Bay Area as a whole. San Jose State University, Foothill-De Anza Community College, and Northern Californians will benefit greatly from the innovations that will be discovered at this new facility and from the jobs which will be created.

The new Center's focus on interdisciplinary research is the academic wave of the future and as always, the researchers of Northern California will be at the forefront of the scientific community.

My special thanks to Chancellor Greenwood, Director Hubbard, Michael Marlaire, and everyone who labored so hard to develop the UARC and make our region the site of one of the most important scientific projects in recent history.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Eshoo", with a large, stylized loop at the beginning.

Anna G. Eshoo
Member of Congress