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Dear UC Board of Regents:

I am writing to applaud the unanimous decision by Regents Parsky, Preuss, Pattiz, Dynes, and Rosenthal at the November 14<sup>th</sup> Committee on Investments meeting requesting the UC Office of the President to develop a plan for divestment from Sudan. As a member of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus and an alumnus of UCLA, I strongly support this effort.

The crisis in Darfur is staggering: over 400,000 Darfurians have been killed, over 2.5 million have been displaced, and more than half the villages of Darfur have been razed. The Sudanese government has actively blocked relief supplies to refugees and provided support and assistance to the militias responsible for this gruesome genocidal campaign.

In response to the genocide in Darfur, several respected universities, including Harvard, Stanford, and Dartmouth, and several states, including New Jersey, Oregon, and Illinois, have divested from companies that do business with the Khartoum regime. The UC system is in a unique position to add its weight to these efforts and continue the UC's principled history of divestment from the apartheid regime in South Africa and from the tobacco industry. As you know, the UC Sudan Divestment Taskforce has extensively documented how divestment could be carried out at *de minimus* cost, consistent with the Board's responsibility as a "prudent investor."

It is my sincere hope that the President's Office will continue working with the UC Sudan Divestment Taskforce and Student Regent Adam Rosenthal in the formulation of divestment guidelines for the Board of Regents to consider at its January 2006 meeting in San Diego. I urge the UC Regents to support the proposal.

Sincerely,

  
HENRY A. WAXMAN  
Member of Congress