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Dr. Mildred García

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Dear Chancellor García,

I am writing to urge you to reconsider the proposed closure of the Estuary & Ocean Science (EOS) Center at San Francisco State University.

I am a XX (e.g., FORMER OR CURRENT STUDENT, SUPPORTER OF THE EOS CENTER, ETC) and am aware of the important role that the EOS Center has in shaping the future of marine and environmental science in San Francisco Bay and beyond, especially in the face of climate change.

The EOS Center is not only a hub of scientific innovation but also a crucial training ground for future environmental leaders. Its research, education, and outreach programs provide students with unparalleled opportunities to engage in hands-on learning and apply science to real-world environmental challenges. Closing this center would not only hinder the university’s mission of academic excellence but would also weaken California’s leadership in marine and estuarine science, environmental policy, and sustainability.

I urge you to recognize the immense value of the EOS Center and ensure its continued operation. I understand that there is a budget shortfall for the center to cover its operating costs, but that it is very small compared to the millions in one-time costs of shutting down the site and the day-to-day costs of maintaining the campus safely in closure. Please allow the center additional time to fundraise to cover the current annual budget shortfall and to develop partnerships with other entities that can help to cover costs over a longer term. Providing for the future of environmental science and stewardship is not only a commitment to the students and faculty of SFSU but also to the well-being of California’s coastal ecosystems and communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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