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Pat Washington
4537 Alamo Drive
San Diego, CA 92115

Dear Pat:

I am writing to express my support for the fair adjudication of Dr. Pat Washington's discrimination case against San Diego State University.

Dr. Washington was denied tenure in May 2002 and terminated in May 2003. After a 14 month investigation the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission found "reasonable cause" to believe Washington had been denied tenure and fired based on her "race/sex combined and in retaliation for previous complaints." The EEOC urged SDSU to reinstate Washington with tenure, promotion, back pay, and benefits.

As a former college professor and an elected official, I have a profound interest in ensuring that non-discrimination policies and an environment of inclusion are carried out at our institutions of higher education.

It is my hope that SDSU will reinstate Dr. Washington and work to eradicate any discrimination that may exist on campus.

Sincerely,

BOB FILNER
Member of Congress

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