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Chief of the Cabinet of Ministers, Engineer Nicolás Posse

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Dear honorable Sir:

I am writing to express my grave concern about the news from Argentina about the severe cuts to the funding of scientific research. For many years now, I have been collaborating with fellow mathematicians from Argentina, who have been leading the way in our community of applied mathematicians. The research level in the mathematical sciences in your country is absolutely first-rate, and it is extremely painful for all of us to see this culture at the verge of being dismantled by the actions of the new government.

There are many crises in the world, and there is dire need for public funding in countless corners. Nevertheless, please allow me to remind of the huge importance of fundamental science for the economic development and well-being of a society. We are fortunate that in Germany, despite so many crises, the funding situation for basic science has continued to be relatively stable. Argentina is fortunate in that has some of the brightest minds in the world among its young mathematicians. But, they need opportunities at home.

The German community of scientists stands with its colleagues in your country. It is our hope that the decisions towards the defunding of science in Argentina can be reversed.

Respectfully,

Bernd Sturmfels